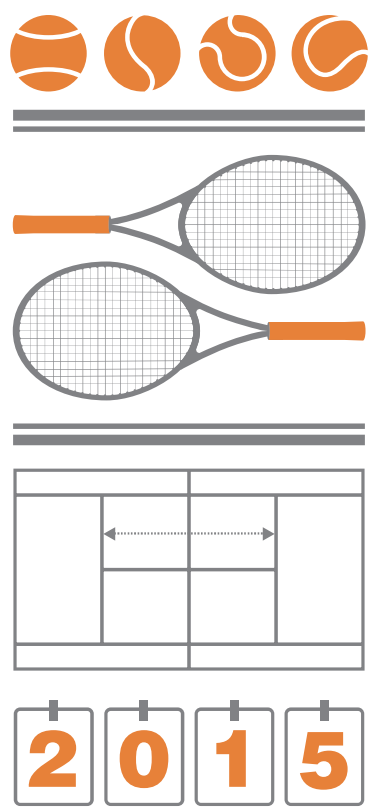


# **Exhibit 6**




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## **ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2015**

### **A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

ITF Limited trading as the International Tennis Federation promulgates these Tournament Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of international professional tennis tournaments sanctioned by the ITF. All references to the International Tennis Federation or ITF in these Regulations shall mean ITF Limited. These Regulations shall be applicable to all Futures Tournaments known as the ITF Men's Circuit.

Any Applicant awarded a one (1) year sanction on the ITF Men's Circuit Calendar shall be subject to, and the Applicant shall be bound by and comply with, all of the applicable provisions of the ITF Men's Circuit Regulations, the ITF Pro Circuit Organisational Requirements and the Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards documents, each of which may be amended from time to time.

ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), with no liability to the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or ITF.

### **B. GENERAL**

#### **1. Open Competition / No Discrimination**

Futures Tournaments are open to all male (please refer to Appendix A) tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth and provided, however, that minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry. For purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

#### **2. Futures Tournaments**

Futures Tournaments must be scheduled in a minimum of three consecutive weeks of \$10,000 each or two consecutive weeks of \$15,000 each in prize money and shall be organised by a National Association, unless otherwise approved by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee.

#### **3. International Player Identification Number (IPIN) Membership and Tennis Integrity Protection Programme (TIPP)**

In order to enter ITF Futures Tournaments all players must first register for annual Pro Circuit IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree,

as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions and to complete the TIPP. Failure by a player (a) to register for Pro Circuit IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions and/or (b) to complete the TIPP will render a player ineligible to enter and/or compete in Futures tournaments.

**4. Tournament Events**

Each tournament must consist of a Singles Qualifying Draw, Singles Main Draw and Doubles Main Draw.

In extraordinary circumstances, e.g. bad weather, the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the ITF, may cancel or adjust a Tournament's schedule.

**5. Tournament Week**

Except for indoor tournaments with sufficient facilities, the Singles Main Draw must be scheduled to begin no later than Tuesday and to finish no later than Sunday of the same week. Singles Qualifying must be scheduled on the appropriate days immediately prior to the first day of Singles Main Draw, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**6. Tournament Administrator**

The National Association(s) organising the Futures Tournament shall designate a Tournament Administrator to administer the event.

**7. ITF Supervisor**

Please see the Officiating Requirements provided in the ITF Pro Circuit Organisational Requirements.

Each Futures Tournament must provide at its sole expense an official certified as a Gold or Silver Badge ITF Supervisor. The ITF Supervisor must be available throughout the tournament week, from the Qualifying Sign-in, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**8. ITF Chair Umpire**

The Officiating Requirements (see above) are the minimum standards for Futures Tournaments. National Associations that wish to supply a higher certification level of official, or more officials, than the minimum requirements are encouraged to do so.

**9. Approval of Officials**

Each Futures Tournament shall submit a list of officials to fulfil the requirements as set forth above to ITF Officiating at least 8 weeks (56 days) prior to the tournament. Any request for these officiating requirements to be waived should be made to the ITF at least 8 weeks (56 days) prior to the tournament.



**10. Tournament Doctor and Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP**

Each Futures Tournament must appoint and pay all costs for an English-speaking medical doctor, preferably an orthopaedic specialist or a general practitioner, to be available on call at all times during playing hours. The Tournament must also appoint an English-speaking Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, to be available on-site during play, to provide treatment to players. It is recommended that all reasonable off-court treatment is provided free of charge to players.

**11. Balls**

The balls to be used at Futures Tournaments must conform to the specifications in the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF. Any Futures Tournament must apply to the ITF for approval at least 6 weeks (42 days) in advance of the tournament if it wishes to use Ball Types 1 or 3.

A minimum of four (4) new balls are to be provided for each match and are to be changed at least after eleven (11) and thirteen (13) games in the Main Draw and at least before the third set throughout the Qualifying.

A minimum of three (3) used balls of the same brand and type as the match balls must be available for practice per day, free of charge, to each player accepted into the Main and/or Qualifying Draw, from the day prior to the commencement of the respective draw until he is eliminated from the tournament. Players must return practice balls.

**12. Artificial Lighting**

Play is allowed with artificial lighting provided there is a minimum of 500 lux evenly distributed over the court surface.

**13. Entry Fees**

There shall be no Entry Fee for Main Draw. The Entry Fee for Qualifying will be a maximum of \$40.

**14. Prize Money**

Prize money shall be paid in cash or by cheque on-site in US Dollars unless prior approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF no less than four (4) months prior to the start of the tournament.

A non-US Futures Tournament may elect to pay on-site prize money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate for a given tournament (official ITF exchange rate) shall be the average of the six (6) months immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the tournament. If, on the Monday, seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament, there is a fluctuation in the official ITF exchange rate of five

percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

<b>Exchange Rate Fluctuation</b>	<b>Exchange Rate Adjustment</b>
Less than 5%	None
Between 5 and 10%	5%
10% or greater	One half the Exchange Rate Percentage Fluctuation

(\* For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorised exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each Futures Tournament electing to pay on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF (Rest of World Events) or Tennis Europe (European Events) the official ITF exchange rate determined as above provided and shall use the same.

**15. Amateur Expenses**

Futures Tournaments may pay expenses to amateurs who are eligible to and do compete. Such expenses are limited to the actual and reasonable expenses of an amateur incurred pursuant to his participation in the tournament. The payment of expenses cannot be conditioned on the success of the amateur in the tournament.

**16. Player Representatives**

The ITF Supervisor shall appoint one or more players at each Futures Tournament to witness the draws and to represent the players during the tournament.

**17. Related Regulations**

To the extent not covered herein the 2015 Official Grand Slam Rulebook, The Constitution of ITF Limited 2015 and the 2015 ITF Duties and Procedures for Officials shall be applicable to all Futures Tournaments. Such applicability shall not affect the right of Futures Tournaments to promulgate and enforce their own special regulations insofar as they are consistent with the applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations and have been approved by the ITF.

**18. Rules of Tennis**

The ITF Rules of Tennis shall apply in all Futures Tournament matches.

**19. Match Format**

Each singles match shall be the best of three tie-break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In each doubles match, No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

**20. Waiver of Claims**

In submitting an entry into a Futures Tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in travelling to or from, or participating in a Futures Tournament and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of a Futures tournament, against the ITF, the National Association or Regional Association sanctioning such events, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organisers and others connected with such Futures tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives.

**21. Publicity and Promotion**

Each player grants and assigns to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to use or authorise the use of from time to time and at their discretion, his name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for him, his heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns, for the purpose of publicising, promoting and advertising the sport of tennis, the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events, including, the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same, and hereby grants and assigns to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to make, use, show and reproduce, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him during the event for commercial and non-commercial purposes without compensation for him, his heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such activities by ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament or their agents and assigns shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

**22. Public Liability Insurance**

The applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable. "ITF Ltd" and "ITF Licensing

(UK) Ltd” must be named in the policy and on the certificate of insurance, and a copy should be provided to the ITF on request.

**C. DEFINITIONS**

**1. Direct Acceptances**

Entered players accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their rankings under the applicable System of Merit.

**2. Wild Cards**

Players included in the draw at the sole discretion of the sanctioning National Association. Wild Cards may be seeded. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw cannot be replaced with new Wild Cards after the appropriate draw is made. Any such vacancies shall be filled by the next eligible player on the acceptance list, or in the case of Main Draw, by Lucky Losers, drawn and placed at the same time as the qualifiers. The Qualifying Competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

Players should retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a Wild Card.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of the tournament may be named as a Wild Card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

A tournament may not offer a Wild Card or accept the entry from any player who has either accepted a Wild Card or been committed by an entry to another tournament in the same week except as stated in Article II. B.3 Playing Another Tournament / One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct.

A player who is committed by way of entry or Wild Card, to a tournament may only accept the offer of a Wild Card into another tournament in the same week as stated in Article II. B.3 Playing Another Tournament / One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct.

**3. Alternates**

Players who are ranked lower than the direct acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the applicable System of Merit, at the time of the Entry Deadline.

**4. Qualifiers**

Players who are included in the Main Draw as a result of their success in the Qualifying competition.

**5. Lucky Losers**

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition and if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players who have lost in the previous Qualifying round(s).

**6. Special Exempts**

Players who apply for and receive exemption from the Qualifying event because they are still competing in singles at a “Qualified Tournament” on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin.

Special Exempt positions are only available for entered players on the Qualifying Acceptance List. A “Qualified Tournament” is defined as follows:

- i. \$10,000 and \$10,000+H Tournaments: the singles event of another Futures or Challenger Tournament within the same continent in the preceding week.
- ii. \$15,000 and \$15,000+H Tournaments: the singles event of another \$15,000 Futures or Challenger Tournament within the same continent in the preceding week.

**7. Junior Exempt**

A player who, by virtue of his 2014 year-end position on the ITF Junior Boys’ Singles World Rankings, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF Men’s Circuit tournament (see Appendix B).

**8. On-Site Alternates**

Non-entered players who appear at the tournament site (prior to the Qualifying sign-in deadline) to sign-in for the Qualifying. In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, a player must sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at the tournament site.

**D. SINGLES ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL****1. Entry**

A player applying for entry shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying depending on his ranking by the applicable System of Merit.

A player may apply for entry into one but not more than six Futures Tournaments for a specific tournament week, in which case he must indicate a priority. If no priority is stated, the ITF will assign a priority. A player may not apply for entry into a Futures Tournament if he has entered and is committed to another tournament during that period.

See Appendix C for Entry Procedures.

All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online through the IPIN Online Service or in writing on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Form and sent to the ITF by fax or post, to be received before the appropriate deadline. Entries and withdrawals are not accepted by telephone or via email, except after the Freeze Deadline when a signed, official Withdrawal Form may be submitted as an email attachment.

All entries are subject to the Regulations and Conditions of Entry stated in Appendix C – Entry Procedures. Written entries and withdrawals must be signed by the player and must contain all the required information.

**2. Entry and Withdrawal Deadline**

The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week.

The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hours GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

A player who appears on a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been accepted into and is committed to play the tournament. Prior to the Withdrawal Deadline a player's status on an Acceptance List is not confirmed.

A player who appears on one or more Alternate List(s) may withdraw at any time, without penalty, until he first moves into a Qualifying or Main Draw Acceptance List, at which time he will be automatically withdrawn from all other Acceptance Lists by the ITF.

No player may withdraw his entry from the Main Draw or Qualifying of a Futures tournament for any reason after the Withdrawal Deadline. Any such withdrawal will be considered a late withdrawal and will be subject to the Late Withdrawal/ No Show provisions set forth in Article II. B.1 of the Code of Conduct, unless the provisions set forth in Article II. B.2 and B.3 of the Code of Conduct apply.

Any player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying who fails to appear for the Tournament without notifying the ITF and/or ITF Supervisor of his withdrawal shall be subject to the penalties provided for No Show.

**3. Freeze Deadline**

The Freeze Deadline is on the Thursday preceding the tournament week at 14:00 hours GMT. After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw, and players on one or more Alternate Lists will no longer be moved into a Qualifying Acceptance List. Such Alternates are not committed to play the tournament.

A player who wishes to withdraw from the Main Draw or Qualifying after the Freeze Deadline must submit an official withdrawal to both the ITF and ITF Supervisor else he will be subject to the penalties provided for No Show.

**4. One Tournament Per Week**

**a. General**

Once a player is committed to an ITF Men's Circuit tournament he may not enter or compete in any other Tournament that same week except as stated in Article II. Men's Player Entry Offences, Item B.3. Playing Another Event / One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct. A player may apply for entry into one or more Futures Tournaments for the same week, but he must state a priority at the time of entry and he will be withdrawn from all except one tournament in accordance with the entry and withdrawal procedures outlined in Appendix C.

When a player is accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a tournament at, or any time after the Withdrawal Deadline, has signed-in for Qualifying or has applied for and/or accepted a Wild Card or Special Exempt, he is committed to that tournament unless released by the ITF or ITF Supervisor.

Players found to have been accepted into two tournaments in one week should not be allowed into any Tournament. Players found to have competed in two Tournaments in one week should be immediately defaulted forfeiting all prize money and computer points (where applicable).

A player is allowed to play singles Qualifying of one tournament and doubles in another tournament played the same week, provided the player has played and been eliminated from one tournament prior to playing in the other tournament. A player may not participate in both tournaments at the same time nor may he enter the doubles event of one tournament having withdrawn from the singles event of another if the withdrawal was submitted after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

**b. Grand Slam and Multi-Week ATP World Tour Tournaments**

*i. Participation during Qualifying and/or First Weeks*

A player is allowed to play in two tournaments (ITF Men's Circuit, Challenger, ATP World Tour or Grand Slam) during this two-week period, provided the player has been eliminated from singles and doubles of the first tournament prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline of the second tournament.

Once a player has competed in two such tournaments, where appropriate he must withdraw from any ITF Men's Circuit tournament in the week following the Qualifying.

*ii. Participation during Second Week*

A player is allowed to play in an ITF Men's Circuit tournament during the second week of a Grand Slam or multi-week ATP World Tour tournament provided he has been eliminated from the singles and doubles of that tournament prior to the ITF Men's Circuit tournament Qualifying

Sign-in Deadline. Any such player who is still competing in the Grand Slam or multi-week ATP World Tour tournament at this deadline must withdraw from the relevant ITF Men's Circuit tournament.

A player is not allowed to withdraw from a Grand Slam or multi-week ATP World Tour tournament to play the ITF Men's Circuit tournament.

**5. Special Exempts**

A player qualified to and who wishes to apply for Special Exempt status must do so by personally notifying the ITF Supervisor, either verbally or in writing, prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. If there are not sufficient Special Exempt places in the Main Draw for all the applicants, the players shall be selected in accordance with their rankings on Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week. Unsuccessful applicants will not be penalised under the Late Withdrawal/ No Show provisions of the Code of Conduct. If there is no Qualifying competition, or if Special Exempts are not needed prior to the time that the Qualifying Draw is made, then the places in the Main Draw reserved for Special Exempts shall become places for Direct Acceptances.

If prior to the Entry Deadline it is established that there will be no Special Exempts into a Futures Tournament because there are no "Qualified Tournaments" in the week preceding the Tournament, then the places reserved in the Main Draw for Special Exempts shall become places for Direct Acceptances and will be indicated as such on the Acceptance List.

**6. Main Draw Sign-In**

There will be no sign-in requirement for players accepted directly into the Main Draw.

**7. Qualifying Sign-In**

The Qualifying Sign-In Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time at the site of the Qualifying event on the day before the start of the Qualifying event unless specified otherwise on the published Fact Sheet.

All players accepted directly into Qualifying must be present on-site and personally sign-in with the ITF Supervisor. An entered player may be signed-in for the Qualifying Draw by the ITF Supervisor/Referee of an ITF Sanctioned Tournament, Challenger or ATP World Tour Tournament in the previous week if such player has competed and lost on the last two days preceding the Qualifying competition. This player must be able to be on-site and play his first round match by the end of the first round of Qualifying. On-site Alternates may sign-in for the Qualifying Draw of one tournament only.

Players on the Qualifying Acceptance List can preserve their eligibility for unused Special Exempt places or known Main Draw vacancies (following withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline) by personally contacting and



obtaining written confirmation from the ITF Supervisor on-site prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

If the Special Exempt places are used or there are no Main Draw vacancies, these players are not eligible to play the Qualifying and are subject to the provisions set forth in Article II. B.1 Late Withdrawal/ No Show of the Code of Conduct.

If an unused Special Exempt place or Main Draw vacancy is not so preserved, such place(s) shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for Qualifying, to be selected in accordance with the rankings on the Acceptance List.

Players who cannot appear for the Qualifying sign-in because they are competing in a previous week's related Futures Tournament may be signed in for the Qualifying and may be permitted to compete in both events subject to the approval of both ITF Supervisors and provided it does not unfairly disrupt the Qualifying schedule. Except as otherwise stated herein, players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the Qualifying Draw.

Nominated Wild Cards do not have to sign-in with the ITF Supervisor.

**8. Vacancies/Substitutions**

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

- a. From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:**  
Vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.
- b. From the Freeze Deadline until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:**  
Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled, at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline, by entered players who have signed in for the Qualifying event, or, in the case of the Main Draw, preserved their eligibility by contacting the ITF Supervisor (see D.7 above), selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.
- c. From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition:**  
Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for the Qualifying event, selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit. The Qualifying competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.
- d. After commencement of the Qualifying competition:**
  - i.** Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers, which shall be selected as follows:

The order of the ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be drawn. Protected Ranking shall not be used.

- ii. Vacancies in the Qualifying shall be filled by players who have signed the Alternate list selected in accordance with the applicable system of merit.

**9. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

- a. Alternates and Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least a half hour before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates and Lucky Losers of the same round. If the eligible Lucky Loser is not available to play, he shall be placed at the bottom of the Lucky Loser priority list for that day corresponding to the Qualifying round in which he lost.
- b. Alternates and Lucky Losers must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of five (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate or Lucky Loser.

**10. Play-Down (for Singles only)**

Players ranked 1-100 in singles twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week are prohibited from entering, accepting a Wild Card and/or competing in any Futures Tournament.

Players ranked 101-150 in singles twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week are prohibited from entering a Futures Tournament but may receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw of a Futures Tournament offering \$10,000+H, \$15,000 or \$15,000+H in on-site prize money that is approved by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee in order to compete in a Futures Tournament.

To be eligible for a Wild Card, such player must petition the ITF at least four (4) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week. Upon receipt of the petition the ITF shall evaluate the player's eligibility to receive a Wild Card.

Futures Tournaments offering \$10,000 in on-site prize money may not offer Wild Cards to players ranked 1-150 in singles.

Futures Tournaments offering \$10,000+H, \$15,000 or \$15,000+H in on-site prize money may offer one Wild Card per tournament to players ranked 101-150 in singles.

**11. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists**

If an administrative error is made on a Tournament Player Acceptance List and a player is not included or too many players are accepted into the

Tournament, the Acceptance List will be corrected at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the System of Merit.

**E. DOUBLES ENTRY**

**1. Entry Deadline**

All doubles team entries must be in writing and received by the ITF Supervisor by 12:00 Noon Local Time on the day before the Main Draw in singles is scheduled to commence. The Doubles Sign-In Record must be posted at a reasonable time prior to the announced sign-in deadline. One member of a doubles team may sign in for the team. The ITF Supervisor reserves the right to accept timely telephone entries. Players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the Doubles Draw.

**2. Substitution of Doubles Teams**

If substitutes are required, Alternates shall be selected. The sign-in for doubles Alternates shall follow the same principles as the sign-in for singles Lucky Losers. One member of a team may sign in for the team.

**3. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

- a. Alternates must be present and sign-in with the ITF Supervisor at least a half hour before the scheduled start of play, which may occur over several days, in order to maintain their priority among other Alternates. If the eligible Alternate is not available to play, he shall be placed at the bottom of the Alternate priority list for that day.
- b. Alternates must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of five (5) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate.

**F. SYSTEMS OF MERIT FOR SINGLES**

**1. Method A**

Entered players with an approved singles computer ranking, including a protected ranking, shall be selected in accordance with their positions on the approved computer ranking list available on the Entry Deadline and dated twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

**2. Method B**

Entered players without an approved singles computer ranking but with a current top 500 National Ranking will be drawn at the ITF Office at the Entry Deadline.

These players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country. Each time a chip is drawn the highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

Thereafter, all remaining entered players who are unranked and have no National Ranking, shall be randomly drawn for a position on the Qualifying/Alternate List.

**3. Method C**

On-Site Alternates with an approved singles computer ranking, including a protected ranking, who have signed in for Qualifying shall be selected in accordance with the computer rankings, on Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week.

**4. Method D**

On-Site Alternates without a computer ranking who have signed in for Qualifying shall be selected on the basis of their current Top 500 National Rankings.

Players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country unless there are more players from a particular country than places available in a draw. In that case, the number of chips allocated to that country shall be limited to the number of places available in the draw and any extra players are dropped from consideration. Each time a chip is drawn the highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

Further places will be filled by unranked players randomly drawn.

**5. Ties**

Ties between players for positions on the entry list shall be broken as follows: Ties on computer rankings shall be randomly drawn. On Acceptance Lists produced by the ITF ties have already been randomly drawn and players are listed in priority order.

**6. National Rankings**

All National Rankings must be submitted to the ITF by the National Association at least seven (7) days before the Entry Deadline if they are to be used for acceptance purposes for a given tournament. Players without a National Ranking, or an approved singles computer ranking, will be considered unranked for that Futures Tournament.

If a National Association produces an updated National Ranking during the year, the National Association may send quarterly updates to the ITF.

**G. SYSTEMS OF MERIT FOR DOUBLES**

Teams selected in accordance with their relative rankings, including a protected ranking, on the Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week, that are composed as follows in the Methods shown:

1. **Method A**  
Combined ranking of two players with approved Singles Rankings
2. **Method B**  
Combined ranking of one player with an approved Singles Ranking and one player with an approved Doubles Ranking
3. **Method C**  
Combined ranking of two players with approved Doubles Rankings
4. **Method D**  
One player with an approved Singles Ranking and one player without a Ranking
5. **Method E**  
One player with an approved Doubles Ranking and one player without a Ranking
6. **Method F**  
Two players without approved Rankings (no selection based on National Rankings)
7. **Ties**  
Ties between teams for positions on the entry list shall be broken as follows:
  - a. For teams selected by using two Singles Rankings, priority shall be given to the team with the strongest individual Singles Ranking
  - b. For teams selected by using one Singles Ranking and one Doubles Ranking, priority shall be given to the team with the strongest individual Singles Ranking
  - c. Further ties shall be randomly drawn

**H. DRAWS**

The Singles Main Draw shall consist of 32 players. The Singles Qualifying Draw shall be a minimum of a 32 Draw and a maximum of a 64 Draw. Open Qualifying Draws are not permitted.

The Doubles Main Draw shall consist of 16 teams.

## I. COMPOSITION OF DRAWS

The draws shall be composed as follows:

### a. Singles

#### *Main Draw*

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>32</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	20 – 17*
Qualifiers – <i>Selected by Qualifying event</i>	8
Wild Cards^	4
Special Exempts	0 / 2
Junior Exempt	0 / 1

#### *Qualifying*

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>128†</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	26	41	56	117
Wild Cards^	6	7	8	11

### b. Doubles

#### *Main Draw*

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>16</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	13
Wild Cards^	3

\* Number of Direct Acceptances in the Main Draw varies depending on the inclusion of any Special and/or Junior Exempt places.

† Only applicable at \$10,000 Futures Tournaments subject to approval by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee.

^ Wild Cards are awarded at the discretion of the sanctioning National Association. Unused Wild Card places shall become Direct Acceptances and filled as defined above.

## J. SEEDS

In singles, seeds shall be based on the singles computer ranking on Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week. Ties shall be randomly drawn. Players without a computer ranking shall not be seeded.

In doubles, seeds shall be based on the combined doubles computer ranking of two players on Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week. Ties shall be randomly drawn. Teams without a combined computer ranking shall not be seeded.

Protected Ranking shall not be used.

**K. MAKING THE DRAW**

**1. Time**

- a.** Singles Qualifying Draw - Immediately after player sign-in, which should take place at 6:00pm (18:00 hours) on the day before the start of play of the Qualifying.
- b.** Singles Main Draw - No later than 7:00pm (19:00 hours) on the day before the Main Draw starts.
- c.** Doubles Main Draw - At least one hour prior to the commencement of play.

**2. Public Drawing**

All draws shall be made publicly, i.e., shall be open to be witnessed by interested parties.

**3. Seeds**

All tournaments will have a seeded draw with seeds determined as herein before provided.

**a. Seeding List**

There is to be only one seeding list, and seeding will not be official until the final draw is made.

**b. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list if prior to the commencement of Qualifying or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of Qualifying. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Main Draw shall be filled by eligible Lucky Losers.

**c. Number of Seeds for Main Draws**

The number of players or doubles teams to be seeded will be as follows:

32 players - 8 seeds

16 teams - 4 seeds

**d. Procedures for Placing Seeds for Main Draw**

- i.** Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 16 (16 draw) or Line 32 (32 draw)

- ii. To determine the location of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (seeds 3 and 4) and a group of four (seeds 5, 6, 7 and 8) from top to bottom as follows:

		16 Draw (4 Seeds)	32 Draw (8 Seeds)
		<b>Line</b>	
<b>Seeds 3 &amp; 4</b>	First drawn (top half)	5	9
	Second drawn (bottom half)	12	24
<b>Seeds 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8</b>	Drawn from top to bottom		8
			16
			17
			25

**4. Byes**

If there are not enough players to fill the Main Draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be randomly drawn in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

**5. Qualifiers/Lucky Losers**

At the conclusion of the Qualifying competition, the successful qualifiers will be randomly drawn for their places in the Main Draw. There shall be no prior designation of which Qualifying section applies to which Qualifying place in the Main Draw. Likewise, when more than one eligible Lucky Loser is to be inserted into the Main Draw, their positions shall be drawn. If the Qualifying event is not completed at the time of the draw, then the places for the qualifiers shall be designated as “Qualifier” with their identity to be determined by draw at the conclusion of the Qualifying event. The Lucky Losers shall be drawn together with the Qualifiers.

**6. Remaining Players**

After the seeds and the byes are placed in the draw as above provided, then the remaining players shall be randomly drawn to determine in which places they are to be entered into the draw.

**7. Special Rules for the Qualifying Draw**

**a. Sections**

The Qualifying Draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the Main Draw. Each section shall have no more than two (2) seeded players/teams.



**b. Placing the Seeds/Method of Draw**

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line.

The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line.

If there are not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player. If no players are seeded, all players are drawn randomly.

**c. Byes**

If there are not enough players to fill the Qualifying Draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be randomly drawn in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

**d. Remaining players**

The remaining unseeded players shall be randomly drawn and placed in the vacant places in the draw beginning at the top of the draw.

**e. Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the eligible Alternate. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the Order of Play for the first day of Qualifying shall be filled by eligible Alternates.

**L. PLAYERS' REST****1. Between Tournaments**

If the ITF Supervisor receives notice from a player of the date and time of his last match played in a previous week's tournament or Davis Cup Tie, then the ITF Supervisor shall, whenever possible, give the player one full day's rest between such match and the player's first match in the Futures Tournament, unless weather or unavoidable circumstances has caused schedule disruption or unless the player was a finalist in a Monday or other delayed final.

**2. Between Qualifying and Main Draw**

Other than in exceptional circumstances, no player shall be required to play his first round match in the singles Main Draw until at least twelve (12) hours after the completion of his final Qualifying match. If a player plays two (2) singles Qualifying matches in one day, he should not be scheduled on the

following day for his first round singles match, unless such player is accepted into the tournament as a Lucky Loser.

**3. Between Matches**

In the Main Draw, except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, players shall be scheduled for a maximum of one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match per day, which shall not be scheduled less than twelve (12) hours after the completion of the last match of such player on the preceding day or round.

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless he is in a singles and doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods:

If he has played less than 1 hour	-	½ hour rest
If he has played between 1 hour and 1½ hours	-	1 hour rest
If he has played more than 1½ hours	-	1½ hours rest

**M. COMPUTER POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY**

**1. Computer Points will be awarded in Singles Main Draw as follows:**

	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000+H / \$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000+H</b>
Winner	18	27	35
Runner-up	10	15	20
Semi-finalists	6	8	10
Quarter-finalists	2	3	4
Round of 16	1	1	1
Round of 32	0	0	0

**2. Computer Points will be awarded in Doubles Main Draw as follows:**

	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000+H / \$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000+H</b>
Winner	18	27	35
Runner-up	10	15	20
Semi-finalists	6	8	10
Quarter-finalists	0	0	0
Round of 16	0	0	0

**3. Payments**

The sanctioning National Association and/or where applicable the Tournament Organiser (jointly the “Applicant”) shall be liable for and pay the prize money to all players participating in the Tournament in accordance with the breakdowns stated in section R. On-site Prize Money Distribution Formulas. The Applicant shall also be liable for and pay the annual Sanction Fee and any IPIN membership fees and fines collected during the tournament

and any PHCP payment due to the ITF in accordance with the notifications issued to the Applicant by the ITF.

**4. Defaults / Withdrawals**

A match won by default or walkover will count as a match won for computer ranking points and prize money.

No points or prize money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a “No Show” without playing their first match.

Any player or team who is defaulted shall lose all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament, unless:

- i) The player or team was defaulted for a Violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
- ii) The player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition
- iii) A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted in which case the partner of the player who caused the default shall receive points and prize money from the previous round.

A doubles team withdrawing after the first round, or that retires in any round, will receive points and prize money for the previous round reached. In addition, the player withdrawing or retiring will not be allowed to play in any other tennis tournament until Monday of the next tournament week (unless he is still playing in singles).

**5. Byes**

A player or doubles team who receives a bye and thereafter loses in the second round will not receive any computer ranking points but will receive second round loser’s prize money.

**6. Hospitality**

To qualify for an additional \$5,000 credit toward the total prize money computer category, a Futures Tournament must provide reasonable minimum hospitality which is defined as: One (1) bed and breakfast to all Main Draw singles and doubles players beginning two (2) days before the commencement of Main Draw until the day following the player’s elimination from the tournament. Such minimum shall be approved by the ITF.

**N. SCHEDULING AND ORDER OF PLAY****1. Release of the order of play**

Once the Supervisor determines the following day's order of play, it shall be released by the Supervisor, both on-site and via the ITF Tournament Planner program no later than 22:00 hours local time.

**2. Amendments to the order of play**

Once officially released, the order of play shall not be amended unless the Supervisor deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

**3. Failure to complete tournament**

If a tournament cannot be completed within the Tournament Week because of bad weather, at the option of the tournament one extra day shall be allowed. The ITF Supervisor shall approve the commencement times for matches on the extra day, which shall then be scheduled during the morning or early afternoon. No further extension of the tournament shall be permitted without the approval of the ITF.

**O. RESULTS**

At the end of each day's play at ITF Men's Circuit Tournaments, including the completion of the tournament, the Supervisor shall submit, using the ITF Tournament Planner program, updated tournament results for Main Draw and Qualifying, singles and doubles.

**P. DATA RIGHTS**

Refer to Appendix E Media, Commercial and Data Rights for full information.

**1. Scoring**

The ITF will have the exclusive right to provide a scoring service at any ITF Pro Circuit tournament as selected by the ITF. Each tournament will assist the ITF in its efforts to produce the service.

**2. Data Protection**

Each Tournament shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any match score or related statistical data from the grounds of the Tournament.

The continual use of laptop computers or other handheld electronic devices within the confines of the tournament match courts (spectator areas) shall be prohibited and each tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition. The exception to this provision is tournament credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

**Q. AMENDMENTS**

These ITF Men's Circuit Futures Tournaments Rules and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF Men's Circuit Committee.

**R. ON-SITE PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS**

<b>Total Prize Money</b>	<b>75% Singles</b>	<b>25% Doubles</b>	
US\$10,000	US\$7,500	US\$2,500	
US\$15,000	US\$11,250	US\$3,750	
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<b>Singles</b>			
Tournament Prize Money		US\$10,000	US\$15,000
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Singles Prize Money	75%	US\$7,500	US\$11,250
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<b>32 Draw</b>			
Winner	14.40%	1,440	2,160
Finalist	8.48%	848	1,272
Semi-finalist	5.02%	502	753
Quarter-finalist	2.92%	292	438
Round of 16	1.72%	172	258
Round of 32	1.04%	104	156
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<b>Doubles (Per Team)</b>			
Tournament Prize Money		US\$10,000	US\$15,000
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Doubles Prize Money	25%	US\$2,500	US\$3,750
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<b>16 Draw</b>			
Winner	6.2%	620	930
Finalist	3.6%	360	540
Semi-finalist	2.16%	216	324
Quarter-finalist	1.28%	128	192
Round of 16	0.72%	72	108
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **GENDER VERIFICATION**

In any competition, a player may be required upon request to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status.

In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the ITF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a competitor.

The results of any tests conducted will not be made public out of deference to the human rights of the individual concerned but will be reported to the Chairman of the ITF Sport Science and Medicine Commission who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned.

Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the ITF shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with these Regulations.

### **TRANSSEXUALS**

Any individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female before puberty are regarded as girls and women (female), while those undergoing reassignment from female to male are regarded as boys and men (male).

Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and the converse) are eligible for participation in female or male competitions, respectively, under the following conditions:

- a. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy.
- b. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.
- c. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport competitions.
- d. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.

In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.



## **APPENDIX B**

### **2015 JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT**

The Junior Exempt position will be allocated according to the following criteria:

The year-end number 1-2 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit tournaments up to and including \$15,000+H prize-money level.

The year-end number 3-5 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit tournaments up to and including \$15,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 6-10 ranked boys' singles players according to the year-end ITF Junior Ranking will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit tournaments of \$10,000 prize-money level.

Should any boy(s) ranked 1-10 not wish to participate in the Junior Exempt Project, their three (3) junior exempt places will be awarded to the next highest year-end ranked player(s) ranked 11-15. Such player(s) will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Men's Circuit tournaments at the \$10,000 prize-money level.



## APPENDIX C

### ENTRY PROCEDURES 2015 ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS

**Entry Deadline:** Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying):** Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Freeze Deadline:** Thursday preceding the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

It is the player's responsibility to make all entries and withdrawals and to check his position on the Entry Lists.

**ALL players (i.e. ranked, nationally ranked, unranked) may enter ITF Men's Circuit Tournaments by the Entry Deadline and will appear on the tournament Acceptance Lists.**

**All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online via the IPIN Online Service, or made in writing by letter or fax on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Form, as appropriate.**

**In order to enter ITF Futures Tournaments all players must first register for annual Pro Circuit IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions and to complete the TIPP. Failure by a player (a) to register for Pro Circuit IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions and/or (b) to complete the TIPP, will render a player ineligible to enter and/or compete in Futures tournaments.**

If a player enters more than one but not more than six ITF Men's Circuit tournaments occurring during the same period, **HE MUST STATE A PRIORITY ON HIS ENTRY FORM.**

#### **At the Withdrawal Deadline:**

- If a player has been accepted into an ATP World Tour Main Draw, ATP World Tour Qualifying event or a Challenger Main Draw, he will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all ITF Men's Circuit Tournaments.
- If a player has not been accepted into any ATP World Tour or Challenger tournament but is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of one ITF Men's Circuit tournament, he will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other tournaments, including ATP World Tour and Challengers Alternate Lists.



- If a player has not been accepted into any ATP World Tour or Challenger tournament, but is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of more than one ITF Men's Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, he will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments, including ATP World Tour and Challenger Alternate Lists, according to the following criteria:

1. Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying, and Qualifying over Alternates
2. Tournament Entry Priority

If a player did not state an entry priority, he will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

3. Tournaments offering the highest prize money will take priority, or if equal;
  4. The Entry List on which he is highest placed will take priority, or if equal;
  5. The tournament which is geographically closest to his country of Nationality will take priority
- If a player is not accepted into any ITF Men's Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, he may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate until the Freeze Deadline. However once he is accepted into any ITF Men's Circuit tournament, he will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments occurring during this period.

**At the Freeze Deadline:**

- Players who are on one or more Alternate Lists will not be moved into Qualifying and players in Qualifying will no longer be moved into the Main Draw.

**For further information, please contact the ITF Pro Circuits Department:**

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## APPENDIX D

### MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND TOILET BREAK

#### 1. Medical

##### a. Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP during the warm-up or the match.

##### Treatable Medical Conditions

- i. Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- ii. Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

##### Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

- i. Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii. Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii. General player fatigue.
- iv. Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

##### b. Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to evaluate him during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to evaluate him immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.

If the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

**c. Medical Time-Out**

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at professional tournaments with prize money of \$15,000 or less, the ITF Supervisor may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

*Muscle Cramping:* A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP for the heat illness condition.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of ends or set-break in order to receive treatment. There may be a total of two (2) full change of ends or set-break treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

**d. Medical Treatment**

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

**e. Penalty**

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalised by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

**f. Bleeding**

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP should be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**g. Vomiting**

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**h. Physical Incapacity**

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player(s) involved is/are unable to make a request for a Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered by the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to be unable physically to compete, or poses a sufficiently serious health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff, the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP will inform the ITF Supervisor and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The ITF Supervisor shall exercise discretion before taking any action under this rule and should base the decision on the best interests of the player and the sport, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

As a precondition to returning to competition, whether at the same or subsequent event, players who have been ruled ineligible to compete under this rule may be required to provide evidence (whether medical or otherwise) that they are physically capable of competing and/or that they pose no health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff. All such evidence shall be subject to approval by the ITF Supervisor, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor and/or the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission.

Subject to any other restrictions on participation, a player who has been ruled unable to compete under this rule may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament, whether on the same or a subsequent day, provided that the Tournament Doctor determines that all preconditions for returning to competition have been met. If this rule is applied in a nation where it is inconsistent with the national law, then the national law will prevail.

**2. Toilet Break**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break. Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose.

A player is entitled to one (1) toilet break during a best of three (3) set match. In doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks. Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one (1) of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not his opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one (1) of the authorised breaks. Additional toilet breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time.

Any player abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.



## APPENDIX E

### MEDIA, COMMERCIAL AND DATA RIGHTS

The ITF Men's Circuit and ITF Women's Circuit ("ITF Pro Circuit") are sanctioned and governed by ITF Ltd ("ITF").

The individual tennis tournaments ("the Tournaments") which comprise the ITF Pro Circuit are organised and staged by the National Tennis Association of the country where the Tournament is held ("National Association") and/or by promoters/organisers approved by the applicable National Association. The National Tennis Associations are members of the ITF.

The National Associations own and/or control the Tournaments staged under their jurisdiction and recognise the mutual benefits that may be created for them and the ITF by establishing a framework for the creation and exploitation of certain rights relating thereto.

Specific rights (as defined below) relating to the ITF Pro Circuit and the Tournaments shall be exploited as set out below.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations the following terms shall have the meaning described below:

"Circuit Sponsor Rights"	The right of ITF to appoint a sponsor (a "Circuit Sponsor") of the overall ITF Pro Circuit and/or of a Cross Border Group (as defined below) (i.e. not in respect of individual Tournaments and/or groups of Tournaments in one country) including without limitation in the form of "the XYZ ITF Pro Circuit";
"Commercial Rights"	Any and all commercial rights relating to the individual Tournaments excluding the Data Rights, the Media Rights and Circuit Sponsor Rights but including without limitation tournament sponsorships (including without limitation sponsorship of individual Tournaments and sponsorship of groups of Tournaments in one country or jurisdiction), official supplier arrangements, venue advertising, programmes, tickets and hospitality;
"Coverage"	Any and all audio-visual coverage of a Tournament or any part thereof;

“Cross Border Group”	Shall mean groups of Tournaments staged under the jurisdiction of two or more different National Associations, as authorised by the respective National Associations;
“Delay Period”	Shall mean the period of 30 seconds immediately following the actual occurrence of an incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces, etc.);
“Non-Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all Official Data outside of the applicable Delay Period;
“Own Tournaments”	Shall mean in respect of a National Association, those Tournaments that are staged under its jurisdiction;
“Internet Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit and/or make available the Coverage for reception by viewers by means of the Internet including without limitation Live Streaming;
“Media and Commercial Rights Working Group”	Shall mean the group of individuals representative of National Associations, as appointed by the ITF;
“Live Scoring Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any live match scores/in-match incident (such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) during the applicable Delay Period;
“Live Signal”	Shall mean a live audio-visual signal of Coverage of a Tournament;
“Live Streaming”	Shall mean the transmission and/or making available of Coverage from a Tournament through a Live Signal by means of the Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights which shall only be permitted in accordance with paragraph 3 (Media Rights) below;
“Media Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by any form of electronic media including without limitation by means of the Television Rights and/or Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights;



“Mobile Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by means of mobile wireless technology (e.g. GPRS, GSM and/or UMTS) and/or mobile broadcast technology (e.g. DVB-H, DAB, DMB-T) and any similar or derivative technologies;
“Net Revenue”	Shall mean revenues actually received by or on behalf of ITF from the exploitation of Commercial Rights and/or Media Rights hereunder after deduction of any costs, which are subject to the mutual approval of the ITF and each relevant National Association, incurred directly in the generation of such revenues (e.g. agency commissions, production costs, incremental and directly attributable ITF staff costs) and/or any taxes levied thereon;
“Official Data”	Shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident (such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) and/or other statistical information relating to any Tournament and/or the participants therein;
“Television Rights”	Shall mean the right to exhibit and/or licence third parties to exhibit the Coverage live and/or delayed and/or in highlights form by means of traditional broadcast television delivery including without limitation terrestrial, cable, and satellite television, analogue and/or digital.

## 2. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

As part of their retained Media Rights, the National Associations may carry out and/or authorise Live Streaming and/or other exhibitions of Coverage of their Own Tournaments. Each such National Association will not, during the Initial Period, allow any such Coverage through Live Streaming to be transmitted or made available by means of the Internet Rights or Mobile Rights with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers unless a shorter delay period is agreed otherwise with ITF in writing on a case by case basis. For the avoidance of doubt

National Associations will not be required to delay exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments. Such exploitation is subject to agreement by each of the relevant National Associations. Upon expiry or termination of any agreement entered into by ITF for the exploitation of such rights, ITF may not renew or replace such agreement without the further agreement of each relevant National Association. ITF shall be free to propose such collective arrangements to each of the National Associations and each National Association may accept or reject such proposals at their discretion.

During the Initial Period, ITF shall be exclusively entitled to seek licensees for the right to transmit or make available Live Streaming of the relevant National Association's Own Tournaments for use in connection with the provision of betting and gaming services.

Each National Association shall retain the right to produce and/or appoint a third party to access its Own Tournaments in order to produce Coverage thereof. Where ITF has concluded any Media Rights arrangement in respect of a Cross Border Group (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), and provided that a National Association is producing Coverage to exploit Media Rights in respect of any of its Own Tournaments, the respective National Association shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to ITF and/or ITF's licensees, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

If a National Association is not producing and has not appointed a third party to produce Coverage in respect of any of its Own Tournaments where ITF has concluded a Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Tournament as part of a Cross Border Group (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), ITF shall be responsible for producing and/or appointing a third party to access the relevant Tournaments in order to produce Coverage to the extent required for any Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Cross Border Group. In such case, the relevant National Association shall procure reasonable access to the Tournament venues and existing facilities (e.g. parking) for ITF's broadcaster, production company or other entity free of charge save for reimbursement of reasonable, directly attributable and incremental costs incurred by the relevant National Association and any of its Own Tournaments. ITF shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to the relevant National Association, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure

that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

In the case of any Media Rights exploited by the ITF 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in ITF exploitation of such Media Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

### **3. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Commercial Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Circuit Sponsor Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall ITF Pro Circuit. Such exploitation is subject to agreement by each of the relevant National Associations whose respective Own Tournaments will be subject to any Circuit Sponsor Rights. Upon expiry or termination of any agreement entered into by ITF for the exploitation of such rights, ITF may not renew or replace such agreement without the further agreement of each relevant National Association. ITF shall be free to propose such collective arrangements to each National Association and each National Association may accept or reject such proposals at their discretion.

In the case of Circuit Sponsor Rights exploited by the ITF, 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in activating such Circuit Sponsor Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

For the avoidance of doubt no sponsorship will be permitted either as part of the Commercial Rights or as Circuit Sponsor Rights to any entity in respect of tobacco products, hard liquor products, betting companies, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, as reasonably determined by ITF in consultation with the applicable National Associations.

### **4. DATA RIGHTS**

The National Associations and ITF have recognised the potential value of collaborating closely in the development and exploitation of Live Scoring Rights. Accordingly the National Associations and ITF have agreed that during an initial period (the "Initial Period"), which will run from 2012 and will expire 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 unless extended on the same or a modified basis thereafter by further agreement (following good faith discussions) by each National Association and ITF:

- i. Subject to clause (iii) below, the ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Scoring Rights during the Initial Period with respect to all Tournaments and will keep the National Associations informed about such exploitation.
- ii. The ITF will have the non-exclusive right to exploit the Non-Live Data Rights during the Initial Period and will keep the National Associations informed about such exploitation.
- iii. The National Associations will retain all rights not expressly granted to the ITF during the Initial Period that relate to their Own Tournaments including, without limitation, with respect to the Live Scoring Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights. Notwithstanding the grant to ITF in clause (i), the National Associations shall retain the right to exhibit:
  - a. Live Scoring Rights on on-court scoreboards and other areas located within the respective venues; and
  - b. Live Scoring Rights on exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

Following expiry of the Initial Period if the arrangement is not agreed to be extended and/or renewed all Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights which derive from the ownership and/or control of each of the Tournaments shall remain vested in the respective National Association.

Any and all revenue generated from the exploitation of the Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights by ITF during the Initial Period after recoupment by ITF from such revenues of all reasonable direct and incremental costs it incurs in relation to such exploitation (such costs to be periodically reviewed with the ITF Pro Circuit Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group) shall be divided 20 per cent to ITF and 80 per cent to be shared by National Associations according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

The National Associations and Tournaments shall co-operate with the ITF during the Initial Period in relation to:

- any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights at Tournaments;
- any reasonable measures that the ITF takes to protect the value of the Live Scoring Rights including without limitation to prevent the unauthorised collection and exploitation of the Live Scoring Rights relating to Tournaments during the Delay Period. Such measures may include the implementation and enforcement of ticket conditions, accreditation terms

and access to venue agreements and shall be developed in consultation with the ITF Pro Circuit Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group.

ITF shall make available to the National Associations free of charge any Official Data collected by ITF for use by the National Associations consistent with this rule.

ITF and the National Associations shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the Tennis Integrity Unit.

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WOMEN'S CIRCUIT  
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To give effect to the changes in these Rules please note:-

References to the International Tennis Federation or ITF shall hereafter mean ITF Limited;

References to the Rules of the Federation shall mean the Memorandum and Articles of Association together with the Bye-laws of ITF Limited (collectively known as the Constitution of ITF).

## ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2015

### I. CATEGORIES OF TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments that comply with the criteria laid down in these Regulations are eligible for inclusion of their results on the WTA Rankings. Such tournaments fall into the following groups:

1. **ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$10,000 AND \$15,000**  
Individual tournaments of \$10,000 and \$15,000 prize money.  
Players receive appropriate points on the Computer for the Main Draw only and credit for one tournament played.
2. **ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000 AND \$100,000**  
Individual tournaments of \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 prize money.  
Players receive appropriate points on the Computer for the last rounds of Qualifying and the Main Draw and credit for one tournament played.
3. **ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT \$25,000+H, \$50,000+H, \$75,000+H AND \$100,000+H**  
Individual tournaments of \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 prize money which offer hospitality. (See Section VII. 3 for a detailed explanation regarding hospitality).  
Players receive appropriate points on the Computer for the last rounds of Qualifying and the Main Draw and credit for one tournament played.
4. **TOURNAMENT EVENTS**  
Each tournament must consist of a Singles Qualifying Draw, Singles Main Draw and Doubles Main Draw. Tournaments may choose to play a Doubles Qualifying Draw. In extraordinary circumstances, e.g. bad weather, the ITF Supervisor, in consultation with the ITF, may cancel or adjust a Tournament's Schedule.
5. **TOURNAMENT WEEK**  
Tournaments in each of the above categories are scheduled within a specific tournament week on the calendar, defined by the date of the Monday of that week. Except for indoor tournaments with sufficient facilities, the singles Main Draw must be scheduled to begin no later than Tuesday and to finish no later than Sunday of that week, while singles Qualifying must be scheduled on the appropriate days immediately prior to the first day of singles Main Draw, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

*Note: All references to \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments in these Regulations (with the exception of Computer points) also apply to \$25,000+H, \$50,000+H, \$75,000+H and \$100,000+H tournaments.*

## II. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

#### a. Open Competition / No Discrimination

All Women's Circuit tournaments are open to all female (please refer to the sections below) tennis players based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth and provided, however, that minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry. For the purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament Main Draw shall be used.

#### b. Medical Control

All players entering into ITF Women's Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of entry, to the following medical controls:

##### *Gender Verification*

In any competition, any player may be required upon request to submit to gender verification to determine sexual status.

In the event that the gender of a player is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) of the ITF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of a competitor.

The results of any tests conducted will not be made public out of deference to the human rights of the individual concerned but will be reported to the Chairman of the ITF Sport Science and Medicine Commission who shall advise the Board of Directors of the gender of the player concerned.

Failure by a player to submit to testing upon the request of the ITF shall subject the player to immediate suspension from the competition until such time as the appropriate testing is carried out in accordance with these Byelaws.

##### *Transsexuals*

Any individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female before puberty are regarded as girls and women (female), while those undergoing reassignment from female to male are regarded as boys and men (male).

Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and the converse) are eligible for participation in female or male competitions respectively, under the following conditions:

- a. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy.
- b. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities.

- c. Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport competitions.
- d. Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.

In all instances, a confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur.

**c. Hyperandrogenism**

Please refer to Appendix B for details of the Hyperandrogenism Rule.

**d. Age Eligibility Rules**

Please refer to Appendix C for details of the Age Eligibility Rule applicable to competition in all professional tennis tournaments worldwide which offer prize money of \$10,000 or more.

Players under 18 years of age may be requested to provide proof of their date of birth.

**2. RULES TO BE OBSERVED**

These ITF Women's Circuit Regulations are published by the ITF Women's Circuit Committee for the purpose of ensuring the orderly and fair administration of the ITF Women's Circuit. Each player entrant in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament agrees as a condition of such entry to abide by and be subject to these ITF Women's Circuit Regulations, which hereinafter include the ITF Women's Circuit Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time by the ITF Women's Circuit Committee.

Any Applicant awarded a one (1) year sanction on the ITF Women's Circuit Calendar shall be subject to, and the Applicant shall be bound by and comply with, all of the applicable provisions of the ITF Women's Circuit Regulations, the ITF Pro Circuit Organisational Requirements and the Guide to Recommended Health Care Standards documents, each of which may be amended from time to time.

ITF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments on the grounds of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), with no liability to the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or ITF.

The Rules of Tennis shall apply in all ITF Women's Circuit tournament matches.

**3. INTERNATIONAL PLAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (IPIN) MEMBERSHIP and TENNIS INTEGRITY PROTECTION PROGRAMME (TIPP)**

In order to enter ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments all players must first register for annual Pro Circuit IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions and to complete the TIPP. Failure by a player (a) to register for Pro Circuit IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions and/or (b) to complete the TIPP will render the player ineligible to enter and/or compete in Pro Circuit tournaments.

**4. WAIVER OF CLAIMS/PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**

- a. In submitting an entry into an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, all players agree, as a condition of entry, that for themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries, if any, sustained in traveling to or from, or participating in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament and/or any of its related activities and/or while in the location of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, against the ITF, the Regional Association or National Association sanctioning such tournaments, promoters, sponsors, television or other broadcast licensees, vendors, venues, local organisers and others connected with such tournaments, including its employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives and the WTA.
- b. Each player grants and assigns to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to use or authorise the use of from time to time and at their discretion, her name, voice, photograph, likeness, signature, biographical material and other identification, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for her, her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns, for the purpose of publicising, promoting and advertising the sport of tennis, the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their respective affiliates and events, including, the right to use the same on event posters, photos, programs, merchandise and other materials, and for the televising, broadcasting and filming of the same, and hereby grants and assigns to the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament and their agents and assignees the right in perpetuity to make, use, show and reproduce, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of her during the tournament for commercial and non-commercial purposes without compensation for herself, her heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns. Such activities by the ITF, the tournament's sanctioning National Association, the tournament or their agents and assigns shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product or company.

**5. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The applicant is responsible for taking out a suitable insurance policy which is compliant with local laws and regulations and which insures against claims made for damage to property and for death/injury caused to people at the event for which the applicant is legally liable. “ITF Ltd” and “ITF Licensing (UK) Ltd” must be named in the policy and on the certificate of insurance, and a copy should be provided to the ITF on request.

**6. ENTRY DEFINITIONS**

**a. Direct Acceptances**

Players accepted directly into the Main or Qualifying Draw by virtue of their ranking under the applicable System of Merit.

**b. Qualifiers**

Players included in the Main Draw as a result of their success in the Qualifying competition.

**c. Wild Cards**

Players accepted directly into the Main Draw or Qualifying at the discretion of the sanctioning National Association. Wild Cards may be seeded and for singles must be named by the Wednesday before the tournament starts, except in the case of \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments, for which two Wild Cards may be named at the time the Draw is made, subject to the restrictions of the Age Eligibility Rule (see Appendix C).

The names, nationalities and dates of birth of the Wild Cards (and any replacement Wild Cards) must be sent to the appropriate Service Bureau immediately upon nomination. National Associations should confirm with players their availability to take a Wild Card prior to sending nominations to the Service Bureau or, if appropriate, the ITF Supervisor. Players should retain written confirmation of the offer and acceptance of a Wild Card.

If the Qualifying and Main Draw Wild Card(s) move into the draw on merit, before the Freeze Deadline, such player(s) will have their Wild Card nomination(s) automatically withdrawn and replacement Wild Cards may be nominated up until the time the appropriate draw is made. Any vacant Wild Card places not filled by this time will be filled by the next eligible players on the Acceptance List, or in the case of Main Draw, by Lucky Losers.

An entered player who is nominated to receive a Wild Card into the tournament will continue to be eligible, up to the start of the Qualifying competition, to compete in the tournament as a Direct Acceptance or to fill any Qualifying or Main Draw vacancies that arise, in accordance with the System of Merit and Sign-in procedures set forth herein.

If a player has been accepted into the Main Draw of a Tournament using her Special Ranking, she may not accept a Wild Card into the same event.

However, a player accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament using her Special Ranking may accept a Wild Card into the Main Draw up until the time of the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

Wild Cards who withdraw may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the appropriate Draw is made. Any such vacancies in Qualifying shall be filled by the next eligible person on the Acceptance list, or in the case of Main Draw, by Lucky Losers.

No player who has signed in for and been accepted into the Qualifying of the tournament may be named as a Wild Card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

Please refer to Appendix C for Wild Card restrictions as applicable under the Age Eligibility Rule. Players who are **not** subject to the Age Eligibility Rule may receive a total of six (6) singles and six (6) doubles Wild Cards during a calendar year on the ITF Women's Circuit. No player of any age may exceed a maximum of three (3) Wild Cards in the Main Draw or a maximum of six (6) Wild Cards in the Qualifying Draw of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament.

Each tournament in which a player earns ranking points (singles and/or doubles) counts towards a player's number of tournaments under the Wild Card Rule. However, participation in the Draws of tournaments in which a player does not earn ranking points does not constitute competition in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament under this rule.

It is the player's responsibility not to accept Wild Cards above the stated limit. Players will forfeit any ranking points and prize money earned at ITF Women's Circuit tournaments by the acceptance of Wild Cards above the stated limit.

A player who is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of a tournament may only accept the offer of a Wild Card into another tournament in the same week as stated in Article III. B.4 Playing Another Event / One Tournament Per Week, in the Code of Conduct.

**d. Junior Exempt**

A player, who, by virtue of her 2014 year-end position on the ITF Junior Girls' Singles World Rankings, gains Direct Acceptance into a designated ITF Women's Circuit tournament (see Appendix D).

**e. Main Draw Only - \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 Tournaments**

A player who enters the Singles or Doubles of a tournament but only wishes to play Main Draw. The option to enter as "Main Draw Only" is restricted to \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments only. A player may not change her status after the entry deadline. Should a player move into the Main Draw

and not show up she will be penalised accordingly. Players who have entered as “Main Draw Only” and who withdraw before being accepted into the Main Draw may sign in as an On-Site Alternate at another tournament. Main Draw Only status expires at the Freeze Deadline (see Withdrawal Procedures) or at such time as a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying of another tournament.

**f. Alternates**

Players who are ranked lower than the direct acceptances into Main Draw and Qualifying under the System of Merit, at any time after the Entry Deadline (Thursday eighteen [18] days prior to the tournament).

**g. On-Site Alternate**

Non-entered players who appear at the tournament site at their own risk to sign in for the Qualifying. In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, a player must personally sign-in with the ITF Supervisor and have paid the entry fee.

**h. Lucky Losers**

Players who have lost in the final round of the Qualifying competition and fill an opening in the first round of the Main Draw. If more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions then those players losing in the previous Qualifying rounds shall also fill the openings in the Main Draw.

If a Lucky Loser position should become available during the Qualifying competition, the position shall be treated the same as Qualifying places for placement in the Draw.

Lucky Losers (singles and doubles) must be present and sign-in 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play. Lucky Losers must sign-in within 30 minutes of the completion of the last Qualifying match when last round Qualifying and first round Main Draw matches are played on the same day. If a player is forced to retire from her final round of Qualifying, due to illness or injury, she will retain her Lucky Loser status provided she receives medical clearance from the Tournament Doctor. If a Lucky Loser is accepted into the Draw, but when called is not available to play, she forfeits her place and the next Lucky Loser will be called immediately to take the open spot. Once a Lucky Loser forfeits, she is no longer eligible for Lucky Loser status for that event. If a player does not sign up for Lucky Loser status one day, she may still sign up on the next day.

**i. Special Exempt**

A player who applies for and receives exemption from the Qualifying event because she is still competing in singles at a “Qualified Tournament” on the day the Qualifying event is scheduled to begin.

A Special Exempt position is only available for entered players on the Qualifying Acceptance list.



A “Qualified Tournament” is defined as follows:

- For \$10,000 tournaments: the singles event of any ITF Women’s Circuit or any WTA tournament within the same continent in the preceding week;
- For \$15,000 tournaments: the singles event of any ITF Women’s Circuit tournament with prize money of \$15,000 or higher or any WTA tournament within the same continent in the preceding week;
- For \$25,000 and \$25,000+H tournaments: the singles event of any ITF Women’s Circuit tournament with prize money of \$25,000 or higher or any WTA tournament within the same continent in the preceding week;
- For \$50,000 and \$50,000+H tournaments: the singles event of any ITF Women’s Circuit tournament with prize money of \$50,000 or higher or any WTA tournament within the same continent in the preceding week;
- For \$75,000, \$75,000+H, \$100,000 and \$100,000+H tournaments: the singles event of any ITF Women’s Circuit tournament with prize money of \$75,000 or higher or any WTA tournament within the same continent in the preceding week.

Special Exempt status shall not be available for doubles players.

Players eligible to and who wish to apply for Special Exempt status must do so by personally notifying the ITF Supervisor, either verbally or in writing, prior to the Qualifying Sign-in deadline.

If there are insufficient Special Exempt places in the Main Draw for all applicants, the players shall be selected according to the ranking from Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week. Unsuccessful applicants will not be penalised under the Late Withdrawal / No show provisions of the Code of Conduct.

If no requests for Special Exempt status are received prior to the Qualifying Sign-In deadline, such places shall be taken by Direct Acceptances.

If prior to the Entry Deadline it is established that there will be no Special Exempt places because there are no “Qualified Tournaments” in the week preceding the Tournament, then the places reserved in the Main Draw for Special Exempts shall become places for Direct Acceptances and will be indicated as such on the Acceptance List.

## **7. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS**

A player applying for entry in singles and doubles shall be deemed to apply for entry into the Main Draw or the Qualifying depending on her ranking by the applicable System of Merit.

### **a. Singles**

- i. A player may apply for entry into one (1) but not more than six (6) tournaments in a given calendar week, in which case she must indicate a priority. If no priority is stated, the ITF will assign a priority. (See Appendix E – for Entry and Withdrawal Procedures)

- ii. The Entry Deadline is at 14:00 hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament week. Entries for “Main Draw Only” shall be considered for \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments.
- iii. All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online through the IPIN Online Service or in writing on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Form and sent to the ITF by fax or post, to be received before the appropriate deadline. Entries and withdrawals are not accepted by telephone or via email, except after the Freeze Deadline when a signed, official Withdrawal Form may be submitted as an email attachment. See Appendix E for Entry and Withdrawal Procedures.
- iv. All entries are subject to the Regulations and Conditions of Entry stated in Appendix E – Entry Procedures. Written entries and withdrawals must be signed by the player and must contain the required information.
- v. An Alternate can appear on more than one Alternate list and is not committed to play in any one tournament unless she moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance list prior to the Freeze Deadline, in which case she will be removed from all other lists.
- vi. For \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments any player may apply to enter as “Main Draw Only” but she will not be considered for the Qualifying competition.

**b. Doubles**

- i. All doubles entries must be received by the ITF Supervisor by 12.00 noon local time on the day before the scheduled start of the singles Main Draw.
- ii. Acceptances for the Main Draw and Qualifying shall be based on the System of Merit. If a player or a pair withdraws after the sign-in (withdrawal) deadline, the next pair will take their place in the draw, according to the System of Merit. Once the Qualifying event has started, vacancies in the Main Draw will be filled by Lucky Losers.

**c. Withdrawal Procedures**

All withdrawals must be submitted online or made in writing on the Official Withdrawal Form. See Appendix E for Entry and Withdrawal Procedures.

- i. **Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying)**  
The Withdrawal Deadline is at 14:00 hours GMT on the Tuesday thirteen (13) days before Monday of the Tournament Week.
- ii. **Tournament Acceptance**  
A player who appears on a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline is deemed to have been accepted

into and is committed to play the tournament. Prior to the Withdrawal Deadline a player's status on an Acceptance List is not confirmed.

iii. Alternates

A player who appears on one or more Alternate List(s) may withdraw at any time, without penalty, until she first moves into a Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List, at which time she will be withdrawn from all other Acceptance Lists by the ITF.

**d. Freeze Deadline**

The Freeze Deadline is on the Thursday preceding the Tournament Week at 14:00 hours GMT.

After the Freeze Deadline players on the Qualifying Acceptance List will no longer be moved into the Main Draw and players on the Alternate List will no longer be moved into the Qualifying Acceptance List. These players on the Alternate List are no longer committed to play the tournament.

At the Freeze Deadline "Main Draw Only" entries which have not yet moved into a Main Draw Acceptance list will be removed from all \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 Acceptance Lists.

A player who wishes to withdraw from the Main Draw or Qualifying after the Freeze Deadline must submit an official withdrawal to both the ITF and ITF Supervisor else she will be subject to the penalties provided for No Show.

**e. One Tournament per Week**

Once a player is committed to an ITF Women's Circuit tournament she may not enter or compete in any other tournament that same week, except as stated in Article III: Women's Entry Offences, item B.4. Playing Another Event / One Tournament per Week, in the Code of Conduct. A player may apply for entry into one or more ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments for the same week, but she must state a priority at the time of entry and she will be withdrawn from all except one tournament in accordance with the Entry and Withdrawal Procedures outlined in Appendix E.

When a player is accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a tournament at or any time after the Withdrawal Deadline, has signed in for Qualifying or has applied for and/or accepted a Wild Card or Special Exempt, she is committed to that tournament unless released by the ITF or ITF Supervisor.

Players found to have been accepted into two tournaments in one week will be withdrawn from one tournament at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the System of Merit.

A player is not allowed to compete in singles in two (2) tournaments (WTA and ITF Women's Circuit) held in one week and will be withdrawn from the

second tournament by the ITF (i.e. a player may not play the Qualifying of a WTA tournament, lose, and then play in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament in the same week). If a player does play two (2) tournaments in one (1) week, upon the first occurrence the player will receive the lesser of the rankings points earned from the two (2) tournaments. Upon the second and subsequent occurrences, the player will not be awarded any rankings points and she will be subject to a fine.

A player is not allowed to compete in doubles in two (2) tournaments (WTA and ITF Women's Circuit) held in one week (i.e. a player may not play the Doubles Qualifying of a tournament, lose, and also enter Doubles "Main Draw Only" in another tournament played the same week). However, a player is allowed to play Singles Qualifying of one tournament and Doubles in another tournament played the same week, provided the player has played and been eliminated from one tournament prior to playing in the other tournament. A player may not participate in both tournaments at the same time nor may she enter the doubles event of one tournament having withdrawn from the singles event of another if the withdrawal was submitted after the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

**f. Grand Slam and Multi-Week WTA Tournaments**

*i. Participation during Qualifying and/or first weeks*

A player is allowed to play in two tournaments (ITF Women's Circuit, WTA or Grand Slam) during this two-week period, provided the player has been eliminated from singles and doubles of the first tournament prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline of the second tournament.

Once a player has competed in two such tournaments, where appropriate she must withdraw from any ITF Women's Circuit tournament in the week following the Qualifying.

*ii. Participation during the second week*

A player is allowed to play in an ITF Women's Circuit tournament during the second week of a Grand Slam or multi-week WTA tournament provided she has been eliminated from the singles and doubles of that tournament prior to the ITF Women's Circuit tournament Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. Any such player who is still competing in the Grand Slam or multi-week WTA tournament at this deadline must withdraw from the relevant ITF Women's Circuit tournament.

A player is not allowed to withdraw from a Grand Slam or multi-week WTA tournament to play the ITF Women's Circuit tournament.

**g. On-Site Withdrawal/Retirement from Week 1 & participation in Week 2**

A player who has lost in a Tournament (Week 1) may play the Qualifying for a Tournament scheduled for the next week (Week 2).

A player may not withdraw or retire from Week 1 to play in any other tournament in Week 2 except for medical reasons. If a player is forced to withdraw on-site or retire from Week 1 due to medical reasons, and she is

entered in a tournament in Week 2, that player must receive a medical examination from the Tournament Doctor from Week 1 and submit her medical examination to the Tournament Doctor for Week 2. To be eligible to compete in Week 2 the player must receive a medical examination from the tournament doctor.

Any player will automatically be withdrawn from Week 2 if:

- i. she has withdrawn or retired from Week 1 without cause,  
*or*
- ii. she fails to provide a Medical Certificate from the Tournament Doctor from Week 1 to the Tournament Doctor of Week 2:  
*or*
- iii. she fails to receive a medical examination for Week 2 from the Tournament Doctor.

Any player who is discovered to have contravened this rule shall not receive WTA ranking points for Week 2. The player will also be subject to a fine as permitted under these Rules. This rule does not apply to a player whose partner in doubles has been forced to withdraw or retire from their match.

#### **h. Late Cancellations**

In the event that a tournament cancels late, players who had entered that tournament may be placed as “next in” on the Main Draw or Qualifying Acceptance List, as appropriate, of another tournament taking place in the same week.

#### **i. Vacancies/Substitutions**

Vacancies shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

##### **a. From the Withdrawal Deadline until the Freeze Deadline:**

Vacancies in the Qualifying and Main Draw shall be filled by entered players selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.

##### **b. From the Freeze Deadline until the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline:**

Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled, at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline, by entered players who have signed in for the Qualifying event, or, in the case of the Main Draw, preserved their eligibility by contacting the ITF Supervisor (see section 9. Sign-in below), selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.

##### **c. From the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline until the commencement of the Qualifying competition:**

Vacancies in the Qualifying or Main Draw shall be filled by entered players who have signed in for the Qualifying event, selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit. The Qualifying

competition commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck.

**d. After commencement of the Qualifying competition:**

- i. Vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers, which shall be selected as follows:  
The order of the ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be drawn.

Special Ranking shall not be used.

- ii. Vacancies in the Qualifying shall be filled by players who have signed the Alternate list selected in accordance with the applicable System of Merit.

If there is no Qualifying, vacancies in the Main Draw shall be filled by players on the Alternate list, selected according to the System of Merit.

**j. Sign-in Requirements for Substitutes**

- i. Alternates and Lucky Losers (singles and doubles) must be present and sign-in 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play. When the last round of Qualifying and the first round of Main Draw are played on the same day, Lucky Losers must sign-in no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the last Qualifying match.
- ii. If an Alternate or Lucky Loser is accepted into the Draw, but when called is not available to play, she forfeits her place and the next Alternate or Lucky Loser will be called immediately to take the open spot. Once an Alternate or Lucky Loser forfeits, she is no longer eligible for Alternate or Lucky Loser status for that event. If a player does not sign up for Alternate or Lucky Loser status one day, she may still sign up on the next day.
- iii. Alternates and Lucky Losers must be ready to play in proper tennis attire within a total time of fifteen (15) minutes after the announcement of a vacancy. Matches must commence without delay after the selection of the Alternate or Lucky Loser.

**k. Administrative Error on Acceptance Lists**

If an administrative error is made on a Tournament Player Acceptance List and too many players are accepted into the Tournament, arrive on site and sign-in to play the tournament, the following procedures will be followed: the last two (2) players accepted into the Tournament based upon the most current updated entry list (excluding Wild Cards and Qualifiers) will play a preliminary match for one (1) spot in the draw. The loser of the preliminary match will receive 1st round WTA Ranking points and 1<sup>st</sup> round prize money. Prize money payment to the loser of the preliminary match will not constitute an additional expense to the Tournament; it will be paid by the ITF. A player

who wins the preliminary match but then loses in the 1st round will receive 1st round prize money plus 25% of 2nd round prize money and 35% of 2nd round WTA Ranking Points.

It is the responsibility of the ITF to advise the Director of the MIS Department at the WTA Florida office immediately following the discovery of any such administrative error.

**I. Entry Fees**

Tournament Organisers may charge an entry fee of up to a maximum of US\$40 per player in Qualifying and US\$40 per player in the Main Draw per tournament to include both singles and doubles. No player may be charged more than a total of US\$40 for one tournament. For doubles only, an entry fee may be charged up to a maximum of US\$15 per player in the Qualifying and a maximum of US\$20 per player in the Main Draw per tournament. (Qualifiers and Lucky Losers in doubles may be required to pay the difference between the entry fees for Qualifying and Main Draw). Any such entry fee must either be paid as directed by the Tournament Director prior to the start of the tournament or deducted from prize money.

**8. SYSTEM OF MERIT**

Players who wish to enter a tournament with a Special Ranking must contact the WTA at least one week prior to the Entry Deadline requesting confirmation is sent to the ITF. When two or more players are tied, the actual ranking supersedes the Special Ranking for acceptance purposes.

The following shall be used as the basis for acceptances:-

**a. Singles**

**i. Method A**

Entered players with an approved Singles Computer Ranking shall be selected in accordance with their positions on the approved Computer Ranking list available on the Entry Deadline and dated twenty-one (21) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.

**ii. Method B**

Entered players without an approved Singles Computer Ranking but with a current top 500 National Ranking will be drawn at the ITF Office at the Entry Deadline.

These players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country. Each time a chip is drawn the

highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

Thereafter, all remaining entered players who are unranked and have no National Ranking, shall be randomly drawn for a position on the Qualifying/Alternate List.

**iii. Method C**

On-site Alternates with an approved Singles Computer Ranking who have signed in for Qualifying shall be selected in accordance with the Computer Rankings, on Monday, seven (7) days before the tournament week.

**iv. Method D**

On-site Alternates without a Computer Ranking who have signed in for Qualifying shall be selected on the basis of their current top 500 National Rankings.

Players will be sorted into groups of the same nationalities and ranked within those groups. Ties between players within those groups will be randomly drawn.

Each country represented will be allocated the same number of draw chips as the number of players from that country unless there are more players from a particular country than places available in a draw. In that case, the number of chips allocated to that country shall be limited to the number of places available in the draw and any extra players are dropped from consideration. Each time a chip is drawn the highest ranked player from the country represented by that chip shall be selected.

Further places will be filled by unranked players randomly drawn.

**v. Ties**

Ties on players' computer rankings will be decided by a random draw.

**vi. National Rankings**

All National Rankings must be submitted to the ITF by the National Association at least seven (7) days before the Entry Deadline if they are to be used for acceptance purposes for a given tournament week. Players without a National Ranking, or an approved Singles Computer Ranking, will be considered unranked for that Tournament.

If a National Association produces an updated National Ranking during the year, the National Association may send quarterly updates to the ITF.



**b. Doubles**

The ranking list of Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week shall be used.

**i. Method A**

Including players with Special Rankings confirmed by WTA. The order will be by combined Doubles ranking. Ties will be decided by the team with the greatest combined total points and then randomly drawn.

**ii. Method B**

Including players with Special Rankings confirmed by WTA. National Ranking will not be considered. Order will be according to Doubles ranking of the ranked player. Ties will be decided by a random draw.

**iii. Method C**

National Ranking will not be considered. Ties will be randomly drawn.

**9. SIGN-IN****a. Qualifying**

The Qualifying Sign-in Deadline is at 18:00 hours local time at the site of the Tournament on the day preceding the start of the Qualifying Draw.

**i. \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$25,000 tournaments**

All players must personally sign-in on-site with the ITF Supervisor. Telephone sign-in is not accepted.

**ii. \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments**

All players must sign-in with the ITF Supervisor. On-site Alternates must sign-in in person on-site; entered players may sign-in by telephone.

For all tournaments the ITF Supervisor at an ITF sanctioned tournament in the preceding week, including a WTA tournament, may sign-in an entered player who has lost on either of the last two days preceding the Qualifying competition.

In all circumstances of telephone sign-in, the player must be able to be on-site and play her first round match by the end of the first round of Qualifying.

On-site Alternates may sign-in for the Qualifying Draw of one tournament only.

Any unused Special Exempt place(s) or known Main Draw vacancies (following withdrawals after the Freeze Deadline) shall be filled by entered players who have either signed in for Qualifying or preserved their eligibility for such place(s) by personally contacting the ITF Supervisor prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. These players are to be selected in accordance with their position on the Acceptance List. If the Special Exempt places are used or there are no Main Draw vacancies, players who preserved their

eligibility are not eligible to play the Qualifying and are subject to the Late Withdrawal / No Show provisions set forth in Article III.B. of the Code of Conduct.

Players who cannot appear for the Qualifying sign-in because they are competing in a previous week's related ITF sanctioned Tournament may be signed in for the Qualifying and may be permitted to compete in both tournaments subject to the approval of both ITF Supervisors and provided it does not unfairly disrupt the Qualifying schedule. Except as otherwise stated herein, players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the Qualifying Draw.

Wild Cards, as nominated by the Tournament Director, do not have to sign-in with the ITF Supervisor.

**b. Main Draw**

*Singles:*

Players accepted into the singles Main Draw of ITF Women's Circuit tournaments are not required to sign-in with the ITF Supervisor.

*Doubles:*

All doubles team entries must be in writing and received by the ITF Supervisor by 12.00 noon local time on the day before the Main Draw in singles is scheduled to commence.

The doubles sign-in record must be posted at a reasonable time prior to the announced sign-in deadline. One member of a doubles team may sign in for the team. The ITF Supervisor may accept telephone entries received directly from one member of the doubles team by the sign-in deadline. Players who fail to sign-in shall not be included in the doubles draw.

**c. Contact Details**

Each player must ensure that a contact telephone number is left with the ITF Supervisor where she may be reached during the tournament.

**10. COMPOSITION OF DRAWS**

**a. Singles**

**i. Qualifying Draw**

Each individual tournament must allow for a Qualifying draw equal to, or greater than, the size of the Main Draw. The Qualifying draw size must be stated on the application form and fact sheet and may not be changed after the entry deadline has passed. At \$10,000 tournaments the Singles Qualifying draw must not exceed 128 players. At \$15,000 and \$25,000 tournaments the Singles Qualifying draw must not exceed 64 players. At \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments the Singles Qualifying draw must not exceed 32 players.

The Singles Qualifying draws must be composed as follows:

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>128</b>
Direct Acceptances	26	42	56	120
<i>Selected by System of Merit</i>				
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	6	6	8	8

ii. Pre-Qualifying

The Tournament Committee may hold a pre-Qualifying event to determine the selection of Wild Cards for the Qualifying event.

iii. Main Draw

The Singles Main Draws must be composed as follows:

**ITF Women's Circuit \$10,000 / \$15,000 / \$25,000**

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>32</b>
Direct Acceptances	20 – 17*
<i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	
Qualifiers – <i>Selected by Qualifying event</i>	8
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	4
Special Exempts	0 / 2
Junior Exempt	0 / 1

**ITF Women's Circuit \$50,000 / \$75,000 / \$100,000**

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>32</b>
Direct Acceptances	24 – 21*
<i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	
Qualifiers – <i>Selected by Qualifying event</i>	4
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	4
Special Exempts	0 / 2
Junior Exempt	0 / 1

\* Number of Direct Acceptances in the Main Draw varies depending on the inclusion of any Special and/or Junior Exempt places.

<sup>^</sup> Wild Cards are awarded at the discretion of the sanctioning National Association. Unused Wild Card places shall become Direct Acceptances and filled as defined above.

**b. Doubles**

The doubles Main Draw must consist of 16 teams. An optional doubles Qualifying consisting of a maximum of 4 teams may be played. Such doubles Qualifying must be announced no later than when the doubles sign-in opens. Each Doubles Draw shall be composed as follows:

## i. Qualifying Draw

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>4</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	3
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	1

## ii. Main Draw

*With Qualifying*

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>16</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	11
Qualifiers – <i>Selected by Qualifying event</i>	2
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	3

*Without Qualifying*

<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>16</b>
Direct Acceptances <i>Selected by System of Merit</i>	13
Wild Cards <sup>^</sup>	3

<sup>^</sup> Wild Cards are awarded at the discretion of the sanctioning National Association. Unused Wild Card places shall become Direct Acceptances and filled as defined above.

In each doubles match, No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, one match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match. In the event that no Qualifying is held, the places allocated for Qualifiers in the doubles draw shall be filled by direct acceptances.

**11. SEEDS**

Each tournament will have a seeded draw with seeds determined as follows:

**a. Seedings List**

Seedings will not be official until the draw is made and shall be determined by the ITF Supervisor based on the System of Merit. The ranking from Monday seven (7) days before the tournament week shall be used. Ties shall be randomly drawn. Players without a computer ranking shall not be seeded.

Ties in doubles will be decided by the team with the greatest combined total points and then randomly drawn.

Special Rankings will not be taken into consideration.  
Accumulated Points shall not be used (either in Main Draw or Qualifying).  
National Rankings shall not be used to determine seedings.

**b. Number of Seeds in the Main Draws**

The number of players or doubles teams to be seeded in the Main Draws must be as follows:

32 singles draw	8 seeds
16 doubles draw	4 seeds

**12. MAKING THE DRAW**

Each draw shall be made in public by the ITF Supervisor and with at least two players present, one of whom shall be of a different nationality to that of the host country. The time and place of the draw must be announced at least 24 hours in advance of the draw taking place.

**a. Time**

- i. Qualifying Singles: Immediately after player sign-in, which should take place by 6:00 p.m. (18:00 hours) on the day before the start of play of the Qualifying.
- ii. Main Draw Singles: No later than 7:00 pm (19:00 hours) on the day before the Main Draw starts and the Order of Play posted one hour after the draw has been made.
- iii. Qualifying and Main Draw Doubles: Immediately after the doubles sign-in at 12:00 noon on the day before the scheduled start of the singles Main Draw.

**b. Method of Draw**

The draw shall be made as follows:

**i. Qualifying****a. Sections**

The Qualifying draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the Main Draw.

**b. Placement of Seeds/Method of draw**

In Singles, each section shall have two seeded players. In doubles, each section shall have one seeded team.

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line of each section.

In Singles, the remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line of each section.

If there is not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player.

ii. Placement of Seeds in the Main Draw

- a. Place Seed 1 on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 16 (16 draw) or line 32 (32 draw).
- b. To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4) and a group of four (Seeds 5-8) from top to bottom as follows:

		16 Draw (4 Seeds)	32 Draw (8 Seeds)
		<b>Line</b>	
<b>Seeds 3 &amp; 4</b>	First drawn (top half)	5	9
	Second drawn (bottom half)	12	24
<b>Seeds 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8</b>	Drawn from top to bottom		8
			16
			17
			25

iii. Byes in Qualifying

If there are byes they shall be given to the seeds in descending order and thereafter byes are drawn for placement in the draw so as to be distributed equally in the sections of the draw.

iv. Remaining Players

The remaining players (including Qualifiers, Lucky Losers etc.) are drawn by lot to fill the vacancies starting at the top of the draw. If the Qualifying competition is not completed at the time of the draw, then the places for Qualifiers are designated as “Qualifier”. Successful Qualifiers at the conclusion of the last round of Qualifying will be randomly drawn to determine in which places they are to be entered in the draw. The Lucky Losers shall be drawn together with the Qualifiers.

**13. WITHDRAWAL AFTER THE DRAW**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall be filled by the next player on the Acceptance List if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying event or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying event. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after the release of the order of play for the first day of Main Draw, shall be filled by eligible Lucky Losers/Alternates. The same principles shall be followed for the Qualifying Draws.

**14. CONDITIONS OF PLAY****a. Warm-up**

The warm-up shall not exceed five minutes.

**b. Match Format**

All singles matches shall be the best of three tie-break sets, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

In each doubles match, No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, one match Tie-Break game (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

**c. Continuous Play**

Play shall be continuous under the terms of Rule 29 of the Rules of Tennis. No rest is allowed after the second set in a three set match.

**d. Ball Change**

The balls to be used at ITF Women's Circuit tournaments must conform to the specifications in Rule 3 of the Rules of Tennis and must have been approved by the ITF. Any Women's Circuit tournament must apply to the ITF Executive Director for approval at least three (3) months in advance of the tournament if it wishes to use BALL TYPES 1 or 3.

In the Qualifying, a minimum of four (4) new balls are to be provided for the first and third sets of a match. In the Main Draw, a minimum of four (4) balls are to be changed at a maximum of eleven (11) games and thereafter every thirteen (13) games in each match. At \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 tournaments in the Qualifying and the Main Draw, the ball change shall be after the first nine (9) games and thereafter every eleven (11) games in each match. More frequent ball changes are acceptable at the discretion of the ITF Supervisor.

**e. Rest**

If circumstances dictate that a player is scheduled for more than one match per day, then she shall, unless she is in both the Singles and Doubles finals to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest period:-

- i. if played less than 1 hour - ½ hour rest
- ii. if played between 1 and 1½ hours - 1 hour rest
- iii. if played more than 1½ hours - 1 ½ hours rest

If a player is involved in the Singles and Doubles final she shall be allowed a rest period of one half hour. Player may play before the end of the rest period if all participants are in agreement.

### III. ORDER OF PLAY AND SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

#### 1. SCHEDULING AND ORDER OF PLAY

##### a. Release of the order of play

Once the Supervisor determines the following day's order of play, it shall be released by the Supervisor, both on-site and via the ITF Tournament Planner program no later than 22:00 hours local time.

##### b. Amendments to the order of play

Once officially released, the order of play shall not be amended unless the Supervisor deems it necessary and/or appropriate.

##### c. Failure to complete tournament

If a tournament cannot be completed within the Tournament Week because of bad weather, at the option of the tournament one extra day shall be allowed. The ITF Supervisor shall approve the commencement times for matches on the extra day, which shall then be scheduled during the morning or early afternoon. No further extension of the tournament shall be permitted without the approval of the ITF.

#### 2. RESULTS

At the end of each day's play at ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments, including the completion of the tournament, the Supervisor shall submit, using the ITF Tournament Planner program, updated tournament results for Main Draw and Qualifying, singles and doubles.

### IV. DATA RIGHTS

Refer to Appendix G Media, Commercial and Data Rights for full information.

#### 1. SCORING

The ITF will have the exclusive right to provide a scoring service at any ITF Pro Circuit tournament as selected by the ITF. Each tournament will assist the ITF in its efforts to produce the service.

#### 2. DATA PROTECTION

Each Tournament shall not allow or authorise the dissemination, transmission, publication or release of any match score or related statistical data from the grounds of the Tournament.

The continual use of laptop computers or other handheld electronic devices within the confines of the tournament match courts (spectator areas) shall be



prohibited and each tournament shall take reasonable steps to enforce such prohibition. The exception to this provision is tournament credentialed personnel when used in the performance of their duties.

## V. PRIZE MONEY AND POINTS

### 1. BREAKDOWNS

The prize money breakdowns detailed below shall apply to all ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments. A proportion of prize money is deducted at every tournament to contribute to the provision of healthcare services (Primary Healthcare Programme – PHCP) at each tournament and on the Circuit in general.

i. Prize Money Category: **\$10,000**

- 32 Draw
- 2% PHCP Fee = \$200

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$ 1,568	\$ 637
Finalist	\$ 980	\$ 343
Semi-finalist	\$ 490	\$ 196
Quarter-finalist	\$ 245	\$ 98
Round of 16	\$ 196	\$ 49
Round of 32	\$ 98	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 7,644</i>	<i>\$ 2,156</i>

ii. Prize Money Category: **\$15,000**

- 32 Draw
- 2% PHCP Fee = \$300

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$ 2,352	\$ 955
Finalist	\$ 1,470	\$ 515
Semi-finalist	\$ 734	\$ 294
Quarter-finalist	\$ 367	\$ 147
Round of 16	\$ 294	\$ 74
Round of 32	\$ 147	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$11,462</i>	<i>\$ 3,238</i>

iii. Prize Money Category: **\$25,000**

- 32 Draw, 32 Qualifying
- 2% PHCP Fee = \$500

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$ 3,919	\$ 1,437
Finalist	\$ 2,091	\$ 719
Semi-finalist	\$ 1,144	\$ 359
Quarter-finalist	\$ 654	\$ 196
Round of 16	\$ 392	\$ 131
Round of 32	\$ 228	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$17,698</i>	<i>\$4,706</i>
<i>Qualifying</i>		
Final Round	\$ 126	
Round of 32	\$ 68	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 2,096</i>	

iv. Prize Money Category: **\$50,000**

- 32 Draw, 32 Qualifying
- 5% PHCP Fee = \$2,500

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$ 7,600	\$ 2,786
Finalist	\$ 4,053	\$ 1,393
Semi-finalist	\$ 2,216	\$ 696
Quarter-finalist	\$ 1,267	\$ 380
Round of 16	\$ 760	\$ 254
Round of 32	\$ 444	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 34,337</i>	<i>\$ 9,123</i>
<i>Qualifying</i>		
Final Round	\$ 254	
Round of 16	\$ 158	
Round of 32	\$ 110	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 4,040</i>	

v. Prize Money Category: **\$75,000**

- 32 Draw, 32 Qualifying
- 5% PHCP Fee = \$3,750

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$11,400	\$ 4,180
Finalist	\$ 6,080	\$ 2,090
Semi-finalist	\$ 3,325	\$ 1,045
Quarter-finalist	\$ 1,900	\$ 570
Round of 16	\$ 1,140	\$ 380
Round of 32	\$ 665	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$51,490</i>	<i>\$13,680</i>
<i>Qualifying</i>		
Final Round	\$ 382	
Round of 16	\$ 237	
Round of 32	\$ 166	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 6,080</i>	

vi. Prize Money Category: **\$100,000**

- 32 Draw, 32 Qualifying
- 5% PHCP Fee = \$5,000

	<b>32 Singles</b>	<b>16 Doubles (per team)</b>
Winner	\$15,200	\$ 5,573
Finalist	\$ 8,108	\$ 2,787
Semi-finalist	\$ 4,433	\$ 1,393
Quarter-finalist	\$ 2,533	\$ 760
Round of 16	\$ 1,520	\$ 507
Round of 32	\$ 887	-
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$68,658</i>	<i>\$18,242</i>
<i>Qualifying</i>		
Final Round	\$ 509	
Round of 16	\$ 316	
Round of 32	\$ 221	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 8,100</i>	

**2. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE**

In the case of \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 ITF Women's Circuit tournaments, at the absolute discretion of the ITF, the sanctioning National Association and/or where applicable the Tournament Organiser (jointly the "Applicant") shall provide a Financial Guarantee for the tournament prize money in such format and according to the timescale as defined by the ITF.

If the Applicant fails to provide such Financial Guarantee then the ITF may cancel the tournament without any liability to the Applicant.

**3. PAYMENTS**

The Applicant shall be liable for and pay the prize money to all players participating in the Tournament in accordance with the breakdowns stated in section V.1. Breakdowns, above. The Applicant shall also be liable for and pay the annual Sanction Fee and any IPIN membership fees and fines collected during the tournament and any PHCP payment due to the ITF in accordance with the notifications issued to the Applicant by the ITF.

Prize money in cash or cheque shall be made available daily at the Tournament Office for each day's eligible players. The following criteria shall be observed:

**a. Tax Deductions**

Any Government tax deductions from prize money must be stated on the players' fact sheet.

**b. Currency**

Prize money shall be paid in US Dollars unless prior approval to pay in any other currency is obtained in writing from the ITF no less than four (4) months prior to the start of the tournament.

**c. Exchange Rate**

A non-US Tournament may elect to pay on-site prize money in US Dollars or in local currency. If local currency is selected, then the exchange rate for a given tournament (Official ITF Exchange Rate) shall be the average of the six (6) months immediately preceding six (6) months prior to the tournament. If on the Monday, seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament, there is a fluctuation in the Official ITF Exchange Rate of five percent (5%) or more, up or down, then such exchange rate shall be adjusted, up or down as follows:

Exchange Rate Fluctuation	Exchange Rate Adjustment
Less than 5%	None
Between 5 and 10%	5%
10% or greater	One half the Exchange Rate Percentage Fluctuation

(\* For example, if the currency fluctuates 11% from the authorised exchange rate, the exchange rate will be adjusted by 5.5%).

Each Tournament electing to pay on-site prize money in a specific non-US currency shall obtain from the ITF (Rest of World Events) or Tennis Europe (European events) the Official ITF Exchange Rate determined as provided and shall use the same.

**d. Uncompleted Matches**

If the singles or doubles event of a tournament is cancelled, e.g. due to poor weather, and there has been no play, first round prize money will be paid out to the players. If play has commenced and been terminated before the tournament is concluded players will be paid loser's prize money for the individual round reached. Additionally, if the first round has been completed, all players/teams will receive their Round Points earned through the last completed round only and the tournament will count as a tournament played.

If a tournament is officially terminated and the final(s) have not been completed, the finalists will each receive finalists' prize money and ranking points. The difference between the winner and finalist prize money will revert back to the tournament.

**e. Defaults, Byes, Withdrawal and Retirement**

- i. No points or prize money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a "no show" without playing their first match.
- ii. Any player who is defaulted shall lose all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament, unless:
  - The player was defaulted for a violation of the punctuality or dress and equipment sections of the code of conduct
  - The player was defaulted as a result of a medical condition
  - A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct code violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.
- iii. A singles player withdrawing after the first round, or who retires, will receive loser's computer points and prize money for the round in which she retired.
- iv. If a singles player withdraws from the semifinal or final their prize money is calculated per the round they withdrew less 50% of the difference between that round and the previous round. Such 50% shall be retained by the tournament.
- v. If a player withdraws from the singles final, and the Tournament Director so desires, a substitute player will play a best of 3 set exhibition match against the Tournament winner. The substitute player will receive all the money defaulted.

- vi. For a doubles team that withdraws after the first round, the non-withdrawing player will receive loser's computer points and prize money for the round reached but the withdrawing player will receive loser's computer points and prize money for the previous round reached. In addition, the player withdrawing or retiring will not be allowed to play in any other ITF Pro Circuit tennis event until Monday of the next tournament week (unless she is still playing in singles).
- vii. A player or team who receives a walkover as a result of the opponent's withdrawal, default or no show shall receive prize money and points that the player or team would have received for winning the match only if they have previously played and won a match.
- viii. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played, the player or team will only receive ranking points from the round preceding their elimination and the player or team shall receive prize money for the round reached.
- ix. If a player or team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and withdraws from her/their first match, no ranking points shall be awarded, the tournament will not count on her/their record and no prize money shall be paid out.

**f. Amateur Expenses**

ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments may pay expenses to amateurs who are eligible to and do compete. Such expenses are limited to the actual and reasonable expenses of an amateur incurred pursuant to her participation in the tournament. The payment of expenses cannot be conditioned on the success of the amateur in the event.

## **VI. AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS**

**1. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

These Regulations shall be binding.

It is the responsibility of the ITF Supervisor on site to enforce these Regulations on behalf of the ITF.

**2. AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

No amendment to these Regulations shall be effective unless adopted by the ITF in accordance with the Rules laid down by the Federation.

## VII. WTA COMPUTER RANKINGS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The WTA Rankings is the worldwide computer ranking for Women's Professional Tennis. The Ranking System is a 52-week, cumulative system in which the number of tournament results that comprise a player's ranking is capped at sixteen (16) tournament results for singles and eleven (11) tournament results for doubles. The results used to determine the players' ranking are the tournaments that have yielded the players' highest ranking points over the past fifty-two (52) weeks including their ranking points from any mandatory tournament and the WTA Championships plus the best two (2) Premier 5 Tournament results for Top 10 players. The rankings determine player acceptance and seeding for all tournaments.

Rankings are computed and published weekly by the WTA from its U.S. Headquarters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Note: ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 or less are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the conclusion of the Tournament.

### 2. SINGLES and DOUBLES ROUND POINTS (\* +H indicates Hospitality is provided)

Category	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	QLFR	Q3	Q2	Q1
<i>\$100,000+H*</i>										
Doubles	150	90	55	28	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	150	90	55	28	14	1	6	4	1	0
<i>\$100,000</i>										
Doubles	140	85	50	25	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	140	85	50	25	13	1	6	4	1	0
<i>\$75,000+H*</i>										
Doubles	130	80	48	24	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	130	80	48	24	12	1	5	3	1	0
<i>\$75,000</i>										
Doubles	115	70	42	21	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	115	70	42	21	10	1	5	3	1	0
<i>\$50,000+H*</i>										
Doubles	100	60	36	18	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	100	60	36	18	9	1	5	3	1	0
<i>\$50,000</i>										
Doubles	80	48	29	15	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	80	48	29	15	8	1	5	3	1	0
<i>\$25,000+H*</i>										
Doubles	60	36	22	11	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	60	36	22	11	6	1	2	-	-	-
<i>\$25,000</i>										
Doubles	50	30	18	9	1	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	50	30	18	9	5	1	1	-	-	-
<i>\$15,000</i>										
Doubles	25	15	9	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	25	15	9	5	1	0	-	-	-	-
<i>\$10,000</i>										
Doubles	12	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Singles	12	7	4	2	1	0	-	-	-	-

With the exception of the Grand Slams and the WTA Championships, the Commonwealth Bank Tournament of Champions and the WTA Premier Mandatory events, all singles and doubles 1<sup>st</sup> round losers in Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 or greater receive one (1) Round Point regardless of draw size.

For the purposes of awarding Ranking Points, in all ITF Tournaments with prize money of \$50,000 or greater, the round of 32 will be considered to be the first round of Qualifying and all Rules will apply as if that were the first round of play. In these ITF Tournaments, the WTA will only award Round Points in Qualifying starting in the Round of 32 and play in any round prior to the round of 32 will not be considered as having taken place for ranking purposes.

*For a complete statement of the official rules and regulations regarding WTA computer rankings, refer to the WTA Official Rule Book.*

### **3. \$25,000/\$50,000/\$75,000/\$100,000 PLUS HOSPITALITY**

Tournaments with \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000 or \$100,000 in prize money which offer hospitality will receive increased WTA ranking points.

Hospitality is defined as one complimentary room for the use of each player accepted into the singles and doubles Main Draws (single or double occupancy, to be decided by the tournament). Rooms are to be available to each singles player for a minimum of four (4) nights beginning no earlier than the day prior to the start of Main Draw and no later than the day the Main Draw starts. Accommodation continues through to include the night that she plays her last match or until her four (4) night minimum has been provided, whichever is later. Hospitality must be of the same standard for singles and doubles players.

Rooms for doubles players must be available beginning the day of the sign in for a minimum of two (2) nights. Accommodation continues through to include the night of the player's last match or until the two (2) nights minimum has been provided.

Successful Qualifiers must be afforded the same accommodations as Main Draw players. Nights spent in accommodation during Qualifying shall count towards the minimum number of nights to which Main Draw players are entitled.

Players receive appropriate points on the Computer for the last 3 rounds of Qualifying and the Main Draw and credit for one tournament played.

### **4. GENERAL RULES**

**Singles and Doubles Rankings** - Players are ranked on the basis of their total points.

**Processing of Rankings** – WTA tournaments (Premier Mandatory through International) plus ITF \$100,000, \$75,000 and \$50,000 tournaments (as long as completed by the Sunday of that week) are processed on a weekly basis. ITF \$10,000 through \$25,000 tournaments are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the completion of the Tournament. Points stay valid for fifty-two (52) weeks from the week in which a Tournament is included in the Ranking Totals.



**Eligibility** - Players must have earned ranking points in at least 3 valid tournaments, or a minimum of 10 singles ranking points or 10 doubles ranking points in one or more valid tournaments, in order to appear on the rankings. Players under the age of fourteen (14) cannot obtain a computer ranking. If a player under the age of fourteen (14) plays singles or doubles in a Tournament, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player. If a player plays singles or doubles in a Tournament that exceeds the number permitted to be played under the Age Eligibility Rule, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player.

**5. FURTHER INFORMATION - WTA CONTACTS**

Queries and requests for full information on the Computer Rankings should be directed to the WTA office in Florida.

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## APPENDIX A



Administered by the International Tennis Federation

The Grand Slam Development Fund was established in 1985 by the International Tennis Federation from contributions donated by the Grand Slam tournaments to provide assistance to affiliated National Tennis Associations with the development of competitive tennis. Since then over US\$52 million has been invested in tennis development worldwide, of which a significant proportion has been directed towards women's tennis. The Grand Slam Development Fund is designed to help increase competitive opportunities worldwide by encouraging the establishment of tournament circuits, which will provide opportunities for a greater number of players to compete internationally, and, through touring teams and travel grants, to assist players to gain international competitive experience so that more nations will be represented in the mainstream of international competition.

Only Member Nations may apply to the ITF for grants from the Grand Slam Development Fund. Applications must be submitted by National Associations in writing on the appropriate form (which is available upon request from the ITF London office).

National Associations benefiting from the Grand Slam Development Fund are required to publicise their event as being "supported by the Grand Slam Development Fund".

Applications for assistance may be made for:

- a. A contribution towards the prize money at \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$25,000 ITF Women's Circuit tournaments.
- b. Special prize money grants are available for existing \$10,000 and \$15,000 events to upgrade to \$25,000 and \$50,000 events.

All events must be organised in accordance with the Regulations for the ITF Women's Circuit and sanctioned by the National and/or Regional Association concerned.

Full details of the Grand Slam Development Fund together with application forms are available on request from:-

Executive Director, Tennis Development  
 International Tennis Federation  
 Bank Lane  
 Roehampton  
 London  
 SW15 5XZ  
 Telephone: (44) 20 8878 6464  
 Fax: (44) 20 8392 4742  
 E-mail: [development@itftennis.com](mailto:development@itftennis.com)



## APPENDIX B

### HYPERANDROGENISM

#### Referral of a case to the Expert Panel

1. A request to investigate a potential case of female hyperandrogenism (“a Request”) may be made by the ITF at its sole discretion or any person with a legitimate interest in such an investigation. All such Requests shall be made to the Executive Director, Science & Technical, in the form of a written statement regarding the eligibility of an athlete, and must include:
  - a. Detailed reason(s) for the Request, including any evidence which might suggest that an athlete may have female hyperandrogenism;
  - b. The name, title, address, contact information and signature of the person making the Request.

#### Admissibility of a Request

2. If the Executive Director, Science & Technical, determines that the Request:
  - a. Meets the formal requirements set out in Section 1, and;
  - b. Appears to have sufficient merit to be investigated,

Then the Executive Director, Science & Technical shall determine that the Request is admissible and shall proceed with an investigation in accordance with sections 4-7. Otherwise, the Request shall be deemed inadmissible and shall not be investigated. This determination is final and binding and not subject to appeal, and shall be communicated to the person(s) making the request.

#### Expert Panel

3. An Expert Panel shall be appointed on an *ad hoc* basis to evaluate suspected cases of female hyperandrogenism. The experts are appointed by the ITF Board of Directors, and consist of at least one person with expertise in gynaecology, one person with expertise in genetics and one person with expertise in endocrinology. The Expert Panel may request the input from additional specialists as necessary. It is not necessary for the Expert Panel to meet in person.

Procedure for investigating a potential case of female hyperandrogenism

4. If a Request is admissible, all relevant available documents of the player under investigation (the “Player”), including (but not limited to) medical history, sex hormone levels, diagnosis and treatment shall be provided by the Player and/or her physician to the Executive Director, Science & Technical. The Executive Director, Science & Technical shall provide this information to the Expert Panel such that the Expert Panel is not able to identify the name of the Player.
5. The Expert Panel may request that the Player and/or her physician provide further information and/or that the Player undergo further examination(s) to determine whether female hyperandrogenism is present and can be considered to confer a competitive advantage.
6. The Expert Panel may provide the Player and/or her physician with an opportunity to be heard before the Expert Panel prior to making its determination. If the Player and/or her physician refuses to (a) provide any information requested and/or (b) undergo any examination requested by the Expert Panel, the Expert Panel may recommend to the Executive Director, Science & Technical that the Player is suspended from competition pending compliance with the refusal.
7. The Expert Panel shall examine all available information and establish:
  - a. Whether the Player’s androgen level, measured by reference to testosterone levels in serum, is within the male range, and, if so;
  - b. Whether such hyperandrogenism is ‘functional’ or not<sup>1</sup>.

Determination

8. On completion of its investigation, the Expert Panel shall determine that:
  - a. The Player does not have female hyperandrogenism, in which case the case shall be closed, and the Player shall be eligible to compete in women’s Pro Circuit events. Such decision is final and binding and not subject to appeal, or;
  - b. The Player has female hyperandrogenism that does not confer a competitive advantage because it is non-functional or the androgen level is below the male range, in which case the case shall be closed, and the Player shall be eligible to compete in women’s Pro Circuit events. Such decision is final and binding and not subject to appeal, or;

<sup>1</sup> There are some cases of hyperandrogenism that do not confer a competitive advantage because of ‘non-functional’ androgen receptors.

- c. The Player has female hyperandrogenism that confers a competitive advantage (because it is functional and the androgen level is in the male range), in which case the Player shall be deemed ineligible to compete in women's Pro Circuit events with immediate effect.

The Expert Panel may only determine that the Player has female hyperandrogenism under Section 8(c) if it is unanimous in that view. The Expert Panel may, at any time, decide to re-open a case under these regulations where it determines, in its absolute discretion, that there has been a change in a Player's circumstances that might affect the Player's eligibility to participate in women's Pro Circuit events pursuant to these regulations.

9. The Executive Director, Science & Technical, in conjunction with the Head of Pro Circuits may, at their sole discretion, impose further sanctions on the physician and/or any relevant person covered under the Pro Circuit/ITF Junior Circuit Regulations.

#### Appeal

10. Decisions that a Player is ineligible due to female hyperandrogenism pursuant to Section 8(c), that a Player is suspended for non-compliance pursuant to Section 6, and to impose sanctions under Section 9 may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") by the Player or other person who is the subject of the decision being appealed. The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be within twenty-one (21) days from the date of communication by the ITF to the appealing party of the decision.



## **APPENDIX C**

### **AGE ELIGIBILITY**

For full details on the WTA Age Eligibility Rule and “Player Development” requirements please refer to the following resources:

1. 2015 WTA Official Rulebook, either in hard copy or available on-line at:  
<http://www.wtatennis.com/scontent/article/2972830/title/wta-rules>
2. ITF Women’s Circuit Rules & Regulations online at:  
<http://www.itftennis.com/procircuit/about-pro-circuit/rules-regulations>



## APPENDIX D

### 2015 JUNIOR EXEMPT PROJECT

The Junior Exempt position will be allocated according to the following criteria:-

The year-end number 1 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$100,000 prize money level and direct entry into the Main Draw at two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$75,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 2 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$75,000 prize-money level and direct entry into the Main Draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$50,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 3-5 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at two (2) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$50,000 prize-money level and direct entry into the Main Draw at one (1) ITF Women's Circuit event up to and including \$25,000 prize-money level.

The year-end number 6-10 ranked girl will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Women's Circuit events up to and including \$25,000 prize-money level.

Should any girl(s) ranked 1-10 not wish to participate in the Junior Exempt Project, their three (3) junior exempt places will be awarded to the next highest year-end ranked player(s) ranked 11-15. Such player(s) will be offered direct entry into the Main Draw at three (3) ITF Women's Circuit tournaments up to and including \$25,000 prize-money level.

***THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGE ELIGIBILITY RULE WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.***



## APPENDIX E

### ENTRY PROCEDURES 2015 ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS

**Entry Deadline:** Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Withdrawal Deadline (Main Draw and Qualifying):** Tuesday thirteen (13) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

**Freeze Deadline:** Thursday preceding the tournament week (no later than 14:00 hours GMT)

It is the player's responsibility to make all entries and withdrawals and to check her position on the Entry Lists.

**All entries and withdrawals must be submitted online via the IPIN Online Service or made in writing by letter or fax on the Official Entry or Withdrawal Forms. Entries and withdrawals are not accepted by telephone or via email. In order to enter ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments all players must first register for annual IPIN Membership (and pay the appropriate fee) and agree, as a condition of their registration, to accept the related terms and conditions and to complete the TIPP. Failure by a player (a) to register for Pro Circuit IPIN Membership and to accept the related terms and conditions and/or (b) to complete the TIPP will render the player ineligible to enter and/or compete in Pro Circuit tournaments.**

If a player enters more than one, but not more than six ITF Women's Circuit tournaments occurring during the same period, **SHE MUST STATE A PRIORITY ON HER ENTRY FORM.**

#### At the Withdrawal Deadline:

- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of one ITF Women's Circuit tournament, she will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments.
- If a player is accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw of more than one ITF Women's Circuit tournament occurring during the same period, she will remain on one List and will be immediately withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments, according to the following criteria:
  1. Main Draw takes priority over Qualifying, and Qualifying over Alternates
  2. Tournament Entry Priority

If a player did not state an entry priority, she will be immediately withdrawn from all but one Entry List according to the following criteria:

  3. Tournaments offering the highest prize money will take priority, or if equal;
  4. The Entry List on which she is highest placed will take priority, or if equal;



5 The tournament which is geographically closest to her country of Nationality will take priority.

- If a player is not accepted into any ITF Women's Circuit tournaments occurring during the same period, she may remain on more than one Entry List as an Alternate until the Freeze Deadline. However once she is accepted into any ITF Women's Circuit tournament, she will be withdrawn from the Entry Lists of all other Tournaments occurring during this period.

**At the Freeze Deadline:**

- Players who are on one or more Alternate Lists will not be moved into Qualifying and players in Qualifying will no longer be moved into the Main Draw.

**For further information, please contact the ITF Professional Tournaments Department:**

**Tel: +44-20-8878 6464**

**Fax: +44-20-8392 4748**



## APPENDIX F

### MEDICAL, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

#### MEDICAL

##### a. Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP (also known as the Primary Health Care Provider) during the warm-up or the match.

##### Treatable Medical Conditions

- i. Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- ii. Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

##### Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

- i. Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- ii. Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- iii. General player fatigue.
- iv. Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

##### b. Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, the player may request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to evaluate her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that a player develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the player request through the Chair Umpire for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to evaluate her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continuous play on the other.

At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.

If the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

**c. Medical Time-Out**

A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP has evaluated the player and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a change over or set break, unless the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

The Medical Time-Out begins when the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court, and may proceed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor.

The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, at professional events with prize money of \$25,000 or less, the ITF Supervisor may extend the time allowed for treatment if necessary.

A player is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.

*Muscle Cramping:* A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping, or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, if appropriate, is final. If the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestations of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may only be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP for the heat illness condition.

Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor to

have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpire to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor, he/she may forfeit the point(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of ends or set-break in order to receive treatment. There may be a total of two (2) full change of ends or set-break treatments for muscle cramping in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor that gamesmanship was involved, then a Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued.

A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Supervisor or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include: a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury; two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries. In such cases, the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

**d. Medical Treatment**

A player may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

**e. Penalty**

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalised by Code Violations for Delay of Game.

Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

**f. Bleeding**

If a player is bleeding, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP must be called to the court by the Chair Umpire for evaluation and treatment. The Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor if appropriate, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and/or Tournament Doctor, the ITF Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play must not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**g. Vomiting**

If a player is vomiting, the Chair Umpire must stop play if vomiting has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests medical evaluation. If the player requests medical evaluation, then the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP must determine if the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomiting has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

**h. Physical Incapacity**

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the player(s) involved is/are unable to make a request for a Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call for the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and Tournament Doctor to assist the player.

Either before or during a match, if a player is considered by the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP to be unable physically to compete, or poses a sufficiently serious health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff, the Tournament Doctor and/or Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP will inform the ITF Supervisor and recommend that the player is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The ITF Supervisor shall exercise discretion before taking any action under this rule and should base the decision on the best interests of the player and the sport, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

As a precondition to returning to competition, whether at the same or subsequent event, players who have been ruled ineligible to compete under this rule may be required to provide evidence (whether medical or otherwise) that they are physically capable of competing and/or that they pose no health risk to other players, officials or Tournament staff. All such evidence shall be subject to approval by the ITF Supervisor/Referee, in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor and/or the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission.

Subject to any other restrictions on participation, a player who has been ruled unable to compete under this rule may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament, whether on the same or a subsequent day, provided that the Tournament Doctor determines that all preconditions for returning to competition have been met. If this rule is applied in a nation where it is inconsistent with the national law, then the national law will prevail.

### EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Extreme weather conditions shall be defined at such time that heat, as measured by a Heat Stress Monitor, meets or exceeds a heat stress index of 30.1 degrees Celsius/86.2 degrees Fahrenheit. If a Heat Stress Monitor is not available, extreme weather conditions are then defined by the danger zone which is equal to or above the apparent temperature of 93 degrees Fahrenheit, illustrated on the chart below. Heat stress is measured by Wet Bulb Global Temperature (WBGT) which is calculated as  $(0.7 \text{ Wet Bulb} + 0.2 \text{ Global Temperature} + 0.1 \text{ Dry Bulb} = \text{WBGT})$ .

#### Apparent Temperature (what it is like)

*Air Temperature (°F) °C =  $(5/9)(°F - 32)$*

Fahrenheit/F	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120
Humidity											
0%	64	69	73	78	83	87	91	95	99	103	107
10%	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	111	116
20%	66	72	77	82	87	93	99	105	112	120	130
30%	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
40%	68	74	79	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
50%	69	75	81	88	96	107	120	133	150		
60%	70	76	82	90	100	114	132	149			
70%	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
80%	71	78	86	97	113	136					
90%	71	79	88	102	122						
100%	72	80	91	108							

The Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP and the ITF Supervisor have the authority to determine if the Extreme Weather Condition rule will go into effect during a Tournament. If it is so determined, a ten (10) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets. There may also be a delay in the starting time of the matches scheduled for play that day. When possible, this decision to delay the start of matches due to Extreme Weather Conditions should be made prior to the scheduled start of play.

#### Measurement and Monitoring of Weather Conditions

The Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP will monitor weather conditions by taking measurements a minimum of three (3) times and a maximum of five (5) times during the day. The readings will be determined prior to the start of play and will be posted in the ITF Supervisor's office.

The minimum of three readings will be taken:

- (1) ½ hour before match play begins for the day;
- (2) middle of the scheduled day;
- (3) prior to beginning of the last match of the day or prior to the start of the first night session match.

**Implementation of the Rule**

In the event that during the day there is a change in weather conditions as determined by this periodic monitoring, the Extreme Weather Condition Rule can be put into effect at any time on all courts, excluding matches already in progress. If there is a sudden change in weather conditions and the Rule is lifted, those matches already in progress will continue under the Extreme Weather Condition Rule. In the case of rain or interruption to play, the ITF Supervisor and Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP can reassess the Extreme Weather Condition Rule.

**Conditions of the 10-Minute Break**

If it is a mutual agreement between the players not to take a ten (10) minute break, then play will continue. However, if requested by one player, the official ten minute break will be taken.

During the ten (10) minute break, no coaching or treatment will be allowed. However, a player will be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical support, medical equipment and/or advice from the Sports Medicine Trainer/PHCP.

Following the ten (10) minute break, no re-warm-up will be allowed. This rule applies in addition to the two (2) toilet and/or change of attire breaks allowed during the match.

**Penalties**

After completion of the Extreme Weather Conditions ten (10) minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets, any delay in returning to the court shall subject a player to Time Violations.

**TOILET/CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS**

A player is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break. Change of attire breaks must be taken on a set break and toilet breaks should be taken on a set break.

In singles, each player is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks per match and in doubles each team is entitled to a maximum of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks. These breaks may be taken for toilet visits, change of attire, or both, but for no other reason whatsoever.

Any time a player leaves the court for a toilet or change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks.

Additional breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allowed time. The ITF Supervisor shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the ITF Supervisor as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the Rules.

A player should not take a toilet break / change of attire break and a medical time out consecutively unless approved by the ITF Supervisor.

A player may change her attire during a toilet break.  
Any player abuse of this rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the  
Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.





## APPENDIX G

### MEDIA, COMMERCIAL AND DATA RIGHTS

The ITF Men's Circuit and ITF Women's Circuit ("ITF Pro Circuit") are sanctioned and governed by ITF Ltd ("ITF").

The individual tennis tournaments ("the Tournaments") which comprise the ITF Pro Circuit are organised and staged by the National Tennis Association of the country where the Tournament is held ("National Association") and/or by promoters/organisers approved by the applicable National Association. The National Tennis Associations are members of the ITF.

The National Associations own and/or control the Tournaments staged under their jurisdiction and recognise the mutual benefits that may be created for them and the ITF by establishing a framework for the creation and exploitation of certain rights relating thereto.

Specific rights (as defined below) relating to the ITF Pro Circuit and the Tournaments shall be exploited as set out below.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations the following terms shall have the meaning described below:-

"Circuit Sponsor Rights"	The right of ITF to appoint a sponsor (a "Circuit Sponsor") of the overall ITF Pro Circuit and/or of a Cross Border Group (as defined below) (i.e. not in respect of individual Tournaments and/or groups of Tournaments in one country) including without limitation in the form of "the XYZ ITF Pro Circuit";
"Commercial Rights"	Any and all commercial rights relating to the individual Tournaments excluding the Data Rights, the Media Rights and Circuit Sponsor Rights but including without limitation tournament sponsorships (including without limitation sponsorship of individual Tournaments and sponsorship of groups of Tournaments in one country or jurisdiction), official supplier arrangements, venue advertising, programmes, tickets and hospitality;
"Coverage"	Any and all audio-visual coverage of a Tournament or any part thereof;

“Cross Border Group”	Shall mean groups of Tournaments staged under the jurisdiction of two or more different National Associations, as authorised by the respective National Associations.
“Delay Period”	Shall mean the period of 30 seconds immediately following the actual occurrence of an incident of match play or action that leads to such live score update (such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces, etc.)
“Non-Live Data Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any and all Official Data outside of the applicable Delay Period;
“Own Tournaments”	Shall mean in respect of a National Association, those Tournaments that are staged under its jurisdiction;
“Internet Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit and/or make available the Coverage for reception by viewers by means of the Internet including without limitation Live Streaming;
“Media and Commercial Rights Working Group”	Shall mean the group of individuals representative of National Associations, as appointed by the ITF;
“Live Scoring Rights”	Shall mean the right to collect, collate, store, use, reproduce, exploit, onward supply or make available any live match scores/in-match incident (such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc.) during the applicable Delay Period;
“Live Signal”	Shall mean a live audio-visual signal of Coverage of a Tournament;
“Live Streaming”	Shall mean the transmission and/or making available of Coverage from a Tournament through a Live Signal by means of the Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights which shall only be permitted in accordance with paragraph 3 (Media Rights) below;
“Media Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by any form of electronic media including without limitation by means of the Television Rights and/or Internet Rights and/or Mobile Rights;

“Mobile Rights”	Shall mean the right to transmit, exhibit or otherwise make available the Coverage or any part thereof by means of mobile wireless technology (e.g. GPRS, GSM and/or UMTS) and/or mobile broadcast technology (e.g. DVB-H, DAB, DMB-T) and any similar or derivative technologies;
“Net Revenue”	Shall mean revenues actually received by or on behalf of ITF from the exploitation of Commercial Rights and/or Media Rights hereunder after deduction of any costs, which are subject to the mutual approval of the ITF and each relevant National Association, incurred directly in the generation of such revenues (e.g. agency commissions, production costs, incremental and directly attributable ITF staff costs) and/or any taxes levied thereon;
“Official Data”	Shall mean any order of play/schedule, draw, scoring (including, without limitation live match scores/in-match incident such as match starting, challenge, a point being scored, number of aces etc) and/or other statistical information relating to any Tournament and/or the participants therein;
“Television Rights”	Shall mean the right to exhibit and/or licence third parties to exhibit the Coverage live and/or delayed and/or in highlights form by means of traditional broadcast television delivery including without limitation terrestrial, cable, and satellite television, analogue and/or digital.

## 2. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

As part of their retained Media Rights, the National Associations may carry out and/or authorise Live Streaming and/or other exhibitions of Coverage of their Own Tournaments. Each such National Association will not, during the Initial Period, allow any such Coverage through Live Streaming to be transmitted or made available by means of the Internet Rights or Mobile Rights with a less than 30 second delay between the action taking place at the Tournament and the Live Streaming being available to viewers unless a shorter delay period is agreed otherwise with ITF in writing on a case by case basis. For the avoidance of doubt

National Associations will not be required to delay exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Media Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments. Such exploitation is subject to agreement by each of the relevant National Associations. Upon expiry or termination of any agreement entered into by ITF for the exploitation of such rights, ITF may not renew or replace such agreement without the further agreement of each relevant National Association. ITF shall be free to propose such collective arrangements to each of the National Associations and each National Association may accept or reject such proposals at their discretion.

During the Initial Period, ITF shall be exclusively entitled to seek licensees for the right to transmit or make available Live Streaming of the relevant National Association's Own Tournaments for use in connection with the provision of betting and gaming services

Each National Association shall retain the right to produce and/or appoint a third party to access its Own Tournaments in order to produce Coverage thereof. Where ITF has concluded any Media Rights arrangement in respect of a Cross Border Group (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), and provided that a National Association is producing Coverage to exploit Media Rights in respect of any of its Own Tournaments, the respective National Association shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to ITF and/or ITF's licensees, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

If a National Association is not producing and has not appointed a third party to produce Coverage in respect of any of its Own Tournaments where ITF has concluded a Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Tournament as part of a Cross Border Group (which will include without limitation any such arrangement for Live Streaming for betting and gaming purposes), ITF shall be responsible for producing and/or appointing a third party to access the relevant Tournaments in order to produce Coverage to the extent required for any Media Rights arrangement in respect of such Cross Border Group. In such case, the relevant National Association shall procure reasonable access to the Tournament venues and existing facilities (e.g. parking) for ITF's broadcaster, production company or other entity free of charge save for reimbursement of reasonable, directly attributable and incremental costs incurred by the relevant National Association and any of its Own Tournaments. ITF shall ensure that the producer of the Coverage, whether a broadcaster, production company or other entity, makes the Coverage available to the relevant National Association, as a Live Signal (if available) at the venue of the relevant Tournament(s) (or other agreed point) and use reasonable efforts to procure that access to the Live Signal is free of charge, subject to payment for transmission

of the production feed (uplink and downlink) and/or in the form of tape delay subject to payment of reasonable tape costs.

In the case of any Media Rights exploited by the ITF 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in ITF exploitation of such Media Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

### **3. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

Each National Association shall retain and have the exclusive right to exploit the Commercial Rights in respect of its Own Tournaments and retain all revenues thereby generated.

ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Circuit Sponsor Rights in respect of any Cross Border Group of Tournaments or the overall ITF Pro Circuit. Such exploitation is subject to agreement by each of the relevant National Associations whose respective Own Tournaments will be subject to any Circuit Sponsor Rights. Upon expiry or termination of any agreement entered into by ITF for the exploitation of such rights, ITF may not renew or replace such agreement without the further agreement of each relevant National Association. ITF shall be free to propose such collective arrangements to each National Association and each National Association may accept or reject such proposals at their discretion.

In the case of Circuit Sponsor Rights exploited by the ITF, 20 per cent of Net Revenue will be retained by ITF and 80 per cent of Net Revenue will be shared by National Associations which participate in activating such Circuit Sponsor Rights according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

For the avoidance of doubt no sponsorship will be permitted either as part of the Commercial Rights or as Circuit Sponsor Rights to any entity in respect of tobacco products, hard liquor products, betting companies, political activity or other category deemed to be detrimental to the sport of tennis, as reasonably determined by ITF in consultation with the applicable National Associations.

### **4. DATA RIGHTS**

The National Associations and ITF have recognised the potential value of collaborating closely in the development and exploitation of Live Scoring Rights. Accordingly the National Associations and ITF have agreed that during an initial period (the "Initial Period"), which will run from 2012 and will expire 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 unless extended on the same or a modified basis thereafter by further agreement (following good faith discussions) by each National Association and ITF:

- i. Subject to clause (iii) below, the ITF shall have the exclusive right to exploit the Live Scoring Rights during the Initial Period with respect to all Tournaments and will keep the National Associations informed about such exploitation.
- ii. The ITF will have the non-exclusive right to exploit the Non-Live Data Rights during the Initial Period and will keep the National Associations informed about such exploitation.
- iii. The National Associations will retain all rights not expressly granted to the ITF during the Initial Period that relate to their Own Tournaments including, without limitation, with respect to the Live Scoring Rights and the Non-Live Data Rights. Notwithstanding the grant to ITF in clause (i), the National Associations shall retain the right to exhibit:
  - a. Live Scoring Rights on on-court scoreboards and other areas located within the respective venues; and
  - b. Live Scoring Rights on exhibitions made by means of the Television Rights.

Following expiry of the Initial Period if the arrangement is not agreed to be extended and/or renewed all Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights which derive from the ownership and/or control of each of the Tournaments shall remain vested in the respective National Association.

Any and all revenue generated from the exploitation of the Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights by ITF during the Initial Period after recoupment by ITF from such revenues of all reasonable direct and incremental costs it incurs in relation to such exploitation (such costs to be periodically reviewed with the ITF Pro Circuit Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group) shall be divided 20 per cent to ITF and 80 per cent to be shared by National Associations according to a formula determined by ITF in consultation with the Media and Commercial Rights Working Group.

The National Associations and Tournaments shall co-operate with the ITF during the Initial Period in relation to:

- any system or scheme that the ITF implements for the collection, supply and/or licensing (in each case by the ITF itself or via an appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> party) of Live Scoring Rights and Non-Live Data Rights at Tournaments;
- any reasonable measures that the ITF takes to protect the value of the Live Scoring Rights including without limitation to prevent the unauthorised collection and exploitation of the Live Scoring Rights relating to Tournaments during the Delay Period. Such measures may include the implementation and enforcement of ticket conditions, accreditation terms

and access to venue agreements and shall be developed in consultation with the ITF Pro Circuit Media, Commercial & Data Rights Working Group.

ITF shall make available to the National Associations free of charge any Official Data collected by ITF for use by the National Associations consistent with this rule.

ITF and the National Associations shall at all times co-operate with and comply with the requirements of the Tennis Integrity Unit.



## **APPENDIX H**

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## **APPENDIX I**

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## **CODE OF CONDUCT ITF PRO CIRCUIT 2015**

### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL**

References in this Code of Conduct (“Code”) to the “ITF Executive Director” shall hereafter mean the ITF Executive Director of Professional Tennis.

References in this Code to the “Committee” shall hereafter mean the ITF Women’s Circuit Committee in the case of ITF Women’s Circuit Tournaments and the ITF Men’s Circuit Committee in the case of ITF Men’s Circuit Futures Tournaments.

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The International Tennis Federation promulgates this Code of Conduct (“Code”) in order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by players and the organisers of ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments and to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity of the Sport of Tennis. All references to the International Tennis Federation or the ITF shall mean the ITF Limited.

#### **B. EXCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY**

This 2015 ITF Pro Circuit Code of Conduct shall be the basis for disciplinary action against any player or tournament in ITF sanctioned Pro Circuit Tournaments, except to the extent that disciplinary jurisdiction is established in relation to such Tournaments under (i) the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program; and/or (ii) the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme; and/or (iii) the ITF Welfare Policy.

#### **C. UNITED STATES DOLLARS**

All monetary fines set forth in the Code are in US Dollars.

#### **D. ITF SUPERVISOR**

The approved ITF Supervisor for each ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall be the final authority for the interpretation of these Tournament Regulations, Code of Conduct and the Rules of Tennis as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the tournament site.

## ARTICLE II: MEN'S PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES

### A. APPLICABILITY

This Article shall only apply to ITF Men's Circuit Futures Tournaments.

### B. ENTRY OFFENCES

#### 1. Late Withdrawal / No Show

Any withdrawal from a player accepted into the Main Draw or Qualifying that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be considered a late withdrawal. A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are excused\*, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the ITF Supervisor, if submitted after the Freeze Deadline) prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

(\*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$500.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the ITF Futures Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### 2. On-Site Medical Withdrawal

- a. If a player is forced to retire or withdraw during a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed by the medically qualified physician on-site verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament.
- b. A player who withdraws late from a tournament will be excused a late withdrawal penalty provided:
  - i. the player, who is still competing in a tournament at or after the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, is forced to withdraw/retire, is examined by that tournament's physician and is determined to be unfit to compete at the following week's tournament; or
  - ii. the player is on-site at the tournament when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit to compete by the tournament's physician.

For the purpose of this rule, the player must withdraw before the start of his first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

- c. A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis

event, provided the late withdrawal is submitted prior to the relevant Qualifying sign-in deadline.

**3. Playing Another Event / One Tournament Per Week**

- a. No player who has played in the Main draw or Qualifying of an ITF Futures tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament except as stated in section D.4.a. in the ITF Men's Circuit Regulations and/or unless released by the ITF Supervisor.
- b. No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Futures tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament except as stated in section D.4.a. in the ITF Men's Circuit Regulations or as hereinafter provided.

Participation by a player in an alternative tournament is only permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided he first submits an official withdrawal for the tournament he was originally committed to, prior to its Qualifying Sign-in deadline:

- i. Player is nominated to represent his country in an official team competition;
- ii. Player qualifies for entry into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament;
- iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. moving from a Qualifying event to a Main Draw) into a World Ranking tournament;
- iv. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into a World Ranking tournament in a higher prize money category, unless already accepted into a Main Draw;
- v. Player is forced to withdraw from a qualifying event because he is still committed in a previous week's tournament but is not eligible to apply or has been unsuccessful in applying for a special exempt place.

Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to \$1,000 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

**C. WILD CARDS**

No player, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player shall result in a fine of up to \$5,000.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Futures Tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

#### **D. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all entry offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

#### **E. PAYMENT OF FINES**

All fines levied for entry offences shall be paid by the player within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided. Unpaid fines shall also be collected at other ITF Futures tournaments and at Grand Slams for remission to the ITF.

A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Futures tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year will not be allowed to enter any ITF Futures tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

#### **F. REMISSION OF FINES**

Under extraordinary circumstances a player has the right to appeal a Late Withdrawal or No Show fine to the ITF provided such appeal is filed within ten (10) days of the last day of the tournament. Such extraordinary circumstances must be substantiated by documentation.

#### **G. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to tournament entry and withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

#### **H. APPEALS**

Any player found to have committed an Entry Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, appeal to the ITF Executive Director for discretionary review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in

writing and must be filed with the ITF by 5.00 pm GMT within ten (10) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit. Any player submitting fax transmission receipts when appealing a Player Entry Offence should note that all fax receipts must match exactly the fax receipt records at the ITF Office; i.e. fax transmission receipts submitted must show the originating fax number, the fax number of the ITF Office, the OK status, the number of pages transmitted, the date, the time and the transmission duration. If there is no exact match with the transmission receipt records at the ITF Office the appeal will be rejected as insufficient evidence submitted.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Offence. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the ITF shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.



### **ARTICLE III: WOMEN'S PLAYER ENTRY OFFENCES**

#### **A. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS**

All players shall abide by the rules for entries and withdrawals set forth in these Regulations.

#### **B. ENTRY OFFENCES**

##### **1. Late Withdrawal/ No Show**

No player may withdraw her entry from the Main Draw or Qualifying of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament for any reason after the Withdrawal Deadline. Any such withdrawal will be considered a late withdrawal and will be penalised, unless:

- the player has complied with the provisions of Section 7. Entries and Withdrawals c) Withdrawal Procedures of the ITF Women's Circuit Regulations;
- a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another ITF Women's Circuit or WTA tournament at the time of the Qualifying Sign-in deadline, provided the player withdraws before the Qualifying Sign-in closes;
- a player who is on the Qualifying Acceptance List but who is still playing in another "qualified" ITF Women's Circuit or WTA tournament and who applies for a Special Exempt position, but where such Special Exempt position is not available for the player;
- a player who receives a Wild Card into Grand Slams.

Players who have been subject to Automatic Withdrawals will not be fined.

A player's first three (3) late withdrawal offences within a calendar year are excused\*, provided the withdrawal is received by the ITF (and by the ITF Supervisor, if submitted after the Freeze Deadline) prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline.

(\*an excused withdrawal is valid for two consecutive tournament weeks provided the player withdraws, as above, and notifies the ITF about the second week's late withdrawal by the last day of the tournament).

Violation of this section shall result in a fine up to \$1,000.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

##### **2. On-site Medical Withdrawal**

- a. If a player is forced to retire or withdraw during a tournament for medical reasons, the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed by the

medically qualified physician on-site verifying that the player is unfit to continue playing in the current tournament.

- b. A player who withdraws late from a tournament will be excused a late withdrawal penalty provided:
  - i. the player, who is still competing in a tournament at or after the time of the Qualifying sign-in deadline, is forced to withdraw/retire, is examined by that tournament's physician and is determined to be unfit to compete at the following week's tournament; or
  - ii. the player is on-site at the tournament when the withdrawal occurred and is determined to be unfit to compete by the tournament's physician.

For the purpose of this rule, the player must withdraw before the start of her first match and the ITF Medical Certification form must be completed and submitted to the ITF no later than the last day of the tournament.

- c. A valid ITF Medical Certification form will excuse a late withdrawal penalty for any subsequent tournament until the player next competes in any tennis event, provided the late withdrawal is submitted prior to the relevant Qualifying sign-in deadline.

### **3. Extraordinary circumstances**

Under extraordinary circumstances a player has the right to appeal a Late Withdrawal or No Show fine to the ITF provided such appeal is filed within ten (10) days of the last day of the tournament. Such extraordinary circumstances must be substantiated by documentation.

### **4. Playing Another Event / One Tournament Per Week**

- a. No player who has played in the Main Draw or Qualifying of an ITF Women's Circuit Tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament except as stated in section 7.e in the ITF Women's Circuit Regulations and/or unless released by the ITF Supervisor.
- b. No player who has entered and been accepted into the Qualifying or Main Draw of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament shall play in any other tennis event during the period of such tournament except as stated in section 7.e in the ITF Women's Circuit Regulations and/or as hereinafter provided.

Participation by a player in an alternative tournament is only permitted in the following specific circumstances, provided she first submits an official withdrawal for the tournament she was originally committed to, prior to its Qualifying Sign-in deadline:

- i. Player is nominated to represent her country in an official team competition;
- ii. Player qualifies for entry into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a Grand Slam tournament;
- iii. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card offering higher event status (i.e. Qualifying to Main Draw) into a World Ranking tournament;
- iv. Player is nominated to receive a Wild Card into a World Ranking tournament in a higher prize money category;
- v. Player is forced to withdraw from a qualifying event because she is still committed in a previous week's tournament but is not eligible to apply, or has been unsuccessful in applying for, a special exempt place.

Violation of this Section shall result in a fine up to \$1,000 in addition to any other late withdrawal fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### **C. WILD CARDS**

No player, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section by a player shall result in a fine of up to \$5,000.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Women's Circuit tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### **D. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF shall cause an investigation to be made to determine the facts regarding all Entry Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefore and where possible notify the player.

#### **E. PAYMENT OF FINES**

All fines levied for entry offences shall be paid by the player within ten (10) days after the notice thereof is provided. Unpaid fines shall also be collected at other ITF Women's Circuit tournaments and at Grand Slams for remission to the ITF.

A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Women's Circuit tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year will not be allowed to enter any ITF Women's Circuit tournament until such time as all fines have been paid.

#### **F.     FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Should a player submit documentation that the ITF deems to be false evidence, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to tournament entry and withdrawal and Code of Conduct appeals, the player shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 in addition to any other fines provided in the Code.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### **G.     APPEALS**

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player Entry Offence may, after paying all fines, appeal to the ITF Executive Director, for review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed by 5.00 p.m. G.M.T. with the ITF within ten (10) days after the last day of the tournament.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit. Any player submitting fax transmission receipts when appealing a Player Entry Offence should note that all fax receipts must match exactly the fax receipt records at the ITF Office; i.e. fax transmission receipts submitted must show the originating fax number, the fax number of the ITF Office, the OK status, the number of pages transmitted, the date, the time and the transmission duration. If there is no exact match with the transmission receipt records at the ITF Office the appeal will be rejected as insufficient evidence submitted.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident, and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the Offence. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the ITF shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

## **ARTICLE IV: PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES**

### **A. GENERAL**

Every player shall, during all matches and at all times while within the precincts of the site of an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament, conduct himself/herself in a professional manner. The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply to each player's conduct while within the precincts of each such site.

### **B. PUNCTUALITY**

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with the announced order of play. The order of play shall be posted at a highly visible place in a general players' area as designated by the ITF Supervisor.

Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play using all available and reasonable means. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called.

1. Any player not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after his match is called may be fined \$50.
2. Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his match is called may be fined up to an additional \$200 and shall be defaulted unless the ITF Supervisor in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

### **C. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

Any player who violates this Section may be ordered by the Chair Umpire or ITF Supervisor to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default. (The ITF reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Regulations)

1. **Unacceptable Attire**  
Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up).
- a. **Shoes**  
Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The ITF Supervisor has the authority

to determine that a shoe does not meet these criteria and may order the player to change.

**i. Grass Court Shoes**

At grass court tournaments no grass court shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players.

Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The ITF Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at grass court tournaments.

**ii. Clay Court Shoes**

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The ITF Supervisor has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at clay court tournaments.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

**2. Identification**

No identification shall be permitted on a player's clothing, products or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows:

**a. Shirt, Sweater or Jacket**

**i. Sleeves.** One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm), plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm) shall be permitted. If written identification is used within this eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm) area on either or both sleeves, such written identification may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) per sleeve.

*For Women's Circuit Tournaments a third patch may be worn on the sleeve if it is a "WTA" patch. This patch shall not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm).*

**ii. Sleeveless.** The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm), may be placed on the front of the garment.

*For Women's Circuit Tournaments a third patch may be worn on the front of the garment if it is a "WTA" patch. This patch shall not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm).*

- iii. Front, Back and Collar. Total of two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification, which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

**b. Shorts/Skirts**

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), or one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts shall be permitted.

*Note: (Women's Circuit Tournaments) A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).*

**c. Socks/Shoes**

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted. The identifications on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).

**d. Racquet**

Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.

**e. Hat, Headband or Wristband**

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

*Note (Women's Circuit Tournament): Hats, headbands or wristbands with the WTA logo shall not exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).*

**f. Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia**

Tennis equipment manufacturer's identifications, or for Women's Circuit Tournaments the WTA logo, on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm) shall be permitted.

*Note: The Technifibre ATP line of racquet bags are allowed at ITF Men's Pro Circuit Events.*

**g. Another Tennis, Sport or Entertainment Event**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event is

prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the ITF.

**h. General**

In the event the utilisation of any of the foregoing permitted commercial identifications would violate any governmental regulation with respect to television, then the same shall be prohibited.

For the purposes of this rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question. In addition, the size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this Rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the identification.

**3. Warm-up Clothing**

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the ITF Supervisor prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

**4. Taping**

No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

**5. Fines**

Any player who violates this Section and is not defaulted shall be subject to the following fines:

**a. Unacceptable Attire and Doubles Team Attire**

Violation of the provisions with respect to Unacceptable Attire or Doubles Team Attire shall result in a fine of up to \$250;

**b. Manufacturer's Identification**

Violation of the provisions with respect to manufacturer's identifications shall result in a fine of up to \$250;

**c. Commercial Identification**

Violation of the provisions with respect to commercial identifications shall result in a fine of up to \$250;

**d. Another Tennis Event**

Violation of the provisions with respect to the name of an event shall result in a fine of up to \$250.



**D. TIME VIOLATION / DELAY OF GAME**

Following the expiration of the warm-up period play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the point until the time the ball is struck for the first serve of the next point. If such serve is a fault then the second serve must be struck by the server without delay.

When changing ends a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the time the first serve is struck for the next game. If such first serve is a fault the second serve must be struck by the server without delay. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period.

At the conclusion of each set, regardless of the score, there shall be a set break of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the set until the time the first serve is struck for the next set.

If a set ends after an even number of games, there shall be no change of ends until after the first game of the next set.

The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server and shall be ready to receive within a reasonable time of the server being ready. A Time Violation may be issued prior to the expiration of twenty (20) seconds if the receiver's actions are delaying the reasonable pace of the server.

*(Women's Circuit Tournaments) The first violation of this Section shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation shall be penalised by the assessment of one Time Violation - Point Penalty.*

*(Men's Circuit Tournaments) The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:*

- Server        The Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver     The Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allowed time a Code Violation (Delay of Game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.

**E. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY (AOB)**

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precinct of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Court Officials or spectators.

**F. VISIBLE OBSCENITY (VOB)**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

**G. VERBAL ABUSE (VA)**

Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

**H. PHYSICAL ABUSE (PhA)**

Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

**I. ABUSE OF BALLS (BA)**

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up). Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

**J. ABUSE OF RACQUETS OR EQUIPMENT (RA)**

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture during a match out of anger or frustration.

**K. COACHING AND COACHES (CC)**

Players shall not receive coaching during a match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a coach may be construed as coaching. Players shall also prohibit their coaches (1) from using audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site, (2) from making obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the tournament site, (3) from verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site, (4) from physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the

precincts of the tournament site and (5) from giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement within the precincts of the tournament site having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the tournament and/or of the officiating thereof.

Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore and the ITF Supervisor may order the Coach to be removed from the site of a match or the precincts of the tournament site and may declare an immediate default of such player.

For the purposes of this Rule, a “coach” shall also include any representative and/or relative of a player.

#### **L. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT (UnC)**

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition, if such violation occurs during a match (including the warm-up), the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule hereinafter set forth. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

For the purposes of this Rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament and/or the officiating thereof.

#### **M. BEST EFFORTS (BE)**

A player shall use his best efforts to win a match when competing in an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament. Violation of this section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation.

For purposes of this Rule, the ITF Supervisor and/or the Chair Umpire shall have the authority to penalise a player in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

**N. LEAVING THE COURT (LC)**

A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250 for each violation. In addition the player may be defaulted and subjected to the additional penalties for Failure to Complete Match as hereinafter set forth.

**O. FAILURE TO COMPLETE MATCH (FCM)**

A player must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250. In addition a violation of this Section shall subject a player to immediate default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour” and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth therefore.

**P. CEREMONIES (Cer)**

A player participating in the finals of an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament must attend and participate in the final ceremonies after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250.

**Q. MEDIA CONFERENCE (MC)**

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, a player or team must attend the post-match media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each match whether the player or team was the winner or loser, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the ITF Supervisor for good cause. Violation of this Section shall subject a player to a fine up to \$250.

**R. POINT PENALTY SCHEDULE**

The Point Penalty Schedule to be used for violations set forth above is as follows:

FIRST offence	WARNING
SECOND offence	POINT PENALTY
THIRD and each subsequent offence	GAME PENALTY

However, after the third Code Violation, the ITF Supervisor shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default.

**S. DEFAULTS**

The ITF Supervisor may declare a default for either a single violation of this Code (Immediate Default) or pursuant to the Point Penalty Schedule set out above. In all cases of default, the decision of the ITF Supervisor shall be final and unappealable.

Any player who is defaulted as herein provided shall lose all prize money, hospitality and points earned for that event at that tournament and may be fined up to \$250 in addition to any or all other fines levied with respect to the offending incident, unless:

- a. the player or team was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment provisions set forth in Article IV. B and C, or
- b. the player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition, or
- c. the player's doubles partner committed the Code Violation which caused the default.

In addition, except in the circumstances above, any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament.

#### **T. DOUBLES EVENTS**

##### **1. Warnings/Point Penalties/Game Penalties/Defaults**

Warnings, Point Penalties, Game Penalties and/or a default if assessed for violation of the Code shall be assessed against the team.

##### **2. Fines**

Fines for violation of Article IV C.2 of the Code relating to the requirement of substantially identical attire shall be assessed against the team. All other fines for violation of Article IV of the Code shall be assessed only against the individual member of the team who is in violation unless both members of the team are in violation.

#### **U. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Supervisor shall make such investigation as is reasonable to determine the facts regarding all Player On-Site Offences and upon determining that a violation has occurred shall specify the fine and/or other punishment therefor and give written notice thereof to the player. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the ITF Supervisor may, at his discretion, limit the fines levied during any tournament qualifying event to a maximum of \$100 for each violation.

#### **V. PAYMENT OF FINES**

Each ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall deduct fines levied by the ITF Supervisor for player on-site offences from the player's winnings, if any, and promptly pay the same to the ITF. Any unpaid fines shall also be collected at other ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments and at Grand Slams for remission to the ITF. A player who has accumulated \$500 or more in unpaid fines for violations of this Code of Conduct shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Pro Circuit Tournament until such time as all fines have been paid. A player who has outstanding fines at the end of the calendar year shall not be allowed to enter any ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments until such time as all fines have been paid.

**W. APPEALS**

Any player convicted of a violation of a Player On-Site Offence at an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament may, after paying all fines, appeal to the ITF Executive Director for review of the determination of guilt and penalty therefore. Such Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and filed within ten (10) days after the last day of the event.

Attached to and included with such Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player desires to submit.

Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the ITF Executive Director shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding such incident and shall affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the ITF Supervisor. In the event of a whole or partial reversal the Tournament Administrator shall remit to the player all or part of the fines collected in accordance with the disposition of the appeal.

## ARTICLE V: TENNIS ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM

### A. Introduction

The purpose of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program is to (i) maintain the integrity of tennis, (ii) protect against any efforts to impact improperly the results of any match and (iii) establish a uniform rule and consistent scheme of enforcement and sanctions applicable to all professional tennis Events and to all Governing Bodies.

### B. Definitions

1. “AHO” refers to an Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer.
2. “ATP” refers to the ATP Tour, Inc.
3. “CAS” refers to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
4. “Consideration” refers to anything of value except for money.
5. “Corruption Offense” refers to any offense described in Section D or E of this Program.
6. “Covered Person” refers to any Player, Related Person, or Tournament Support Personnel.
7. “Decision” refers to a decision of an AHO regarding the commission of a Corruption Offense.
8. “Demand” refers to a written demand for information issued by the TIU to any Covered Person.
9. “Director” refers to the Director of the TIU.
10. “Event” refers to all professional tennis matches and other tennis competitions, whether men's or women's, which are organised, sanctioned or recognised by any of the Governing Bodies.
11. “Governing Bodies” refers to the ATP, the ITF, the WTA and the GSC.
12. “GSC” refers to the Grand Slam Committee.
13. “Hearing” refers to a hearing before an AHO in accordance with Section G of this Program.



14. “Information in the public domain” refers to information which has been published or is a matter of public record or can be readily acquired by an interested member of the public and/or information which has been disclosed according to the rules or regulations governing a particular event.
15. “Inside Information” refers to information about the likely participation or likely performance of a Player in an Event or concerning the weather, court conditions, status, outcome or any other aspect of an Event which is known by a Covered Person and is not information in the public domain.
16. “ITF” refers to the International Tennis Federation.
17. “Notice” refers to written Notice sent by the PTIO to a Covered Person alleged to have committed a Corruption Offense.
18. “Player” refers to any player who enters or participates in any competition, Event or activity organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body.
19. “Program” refers to this Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.
20. “Provisional Suspension” refers to a period of ineligibility imposed by an AHO before a full hearing has taken place.
21. “PTIO” refers to the Professional Tennis Integrity Officer appointed by each Governing Body.
22. “Related Person” refers to any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person.
23. “Substantial Assistance” refers to assistance given by a Covered Person to the PTIO or TIU that results in the discovery or establishing of a corruption offense by another Covered Person.
24. “TIB” refers to the Tennis Integrity Board.
25. “TIU” refers to the Tennis Integrity Unit.
26. “Tournament Support Personnel” refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, agent, contractor or any similarly situated person at any Event and any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

27. “Wager” refers to a wager of money or Consideration or any other form of financial speculation.

28. “WTA” refers to the WTA Tour, Inc.

**C. Covered Players, Persons and Events**

1. All Players, Related Persons, and Tournament Support Personnel shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of this Program and shall be deemed to accept all terms set out herein as well as the Tennis Integrity Unit Privacy Policy which can be found at [www.tennisintegrityunit.com](http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com).
2. It is the responsibility of each Player, Related Person and Tournament Support Personnel to acquaint himself or herself with all of the provisions of this Program. Further, each Player shall have a duty to inform Related Persons with whom they are connected of all of the provisions of this Program and shall instruct Related Persons to comply with the Program.

**D. Offenses**

Commission of any offense set forth in Section D or E of this Program including a violation of the Reporting Obligations or any other violation of the provisions of this Program shall constitute a Corruption Offense for all purposes of this Program.

**1. Corruption Offenses.**

- a. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, wager or attempt to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other tennis competition.
- b. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other tennis competition. For the avoidance of doubt, to solicit or facilitate to wager shall include, but not be limited to: display of live tennis betting odds on a Covered Person website; writing articles for a tennis betting publication or website; conducting personal appearances for a tennis betting company; and appearing in commercials encouraging others to bet on tennis.
- c. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration for the provision of an

accreditation to an Event (i) for the purpose of facilitating a commission of a Corruption Offense; or (ii) which leads, directly or indirectly, to the commission of a Corruption Offense.

- d. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event.
- e. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any Player to not use his or her best efforts in any Event.
- f. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.
- g. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event.
- h. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any money, benefit or Consideration, for the provision of any Inside Information.
- i. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person for the provision of any Inside Information.
- j. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any Tournament Support Personnel in exchange for any information or benefit relating to a tournament.
- k. No Covered Person may be employed or otherwise engaged by a company which accepts wagers on Events.

## **2. Reporting Obligation.**

### **a. Players.**

- i. In the event any Player is approached by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Player to (i) influence the outcome or any other aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside

Information, it shall be the Player's obligation to report such incident to the TIU as soon as possible.

- ii. In the event any Player knows or suspects that any other Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offense, it shall be the Player's obligation to report such knowledge or suspicion to the TIU as soon as possible.
- iii. If any Player knows or suspects that any Covered Person has been involved in an incident described in Section D.2.b. below, a Player shall be obligated to report such knowledge or suspicion to the TIU as soon as possible.
- iv. A Player shall have a continuing obligation to report any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any Corruption Offense, even if the Player's prior knowledge or suspicion has already been reported.

**b. Related Persons and Tournament Support Personnel.**

- i. In the event any Related Person or Tournament Support Person is approached by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Related Person or Tournament Support Person to (i) influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information, it shall be the Related Person's or Tournament Support Person's obligation to report such incident to the TIU as soon as possible.
  - ii. In the event any Related Person or Tournament Support Person knows or suspects that any Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offense, it shall be the Related Person's or Tournament Support Person's obligation to report such knowledge or suspicion to the TIU as soon as possible.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) a failure of the Reporting Obligation by any Covered Person; and/or (ii) a failure of the duty to cooperate under Section F.2 shall constitute a Corruption Offense for all purposes of the Program.

**E. Additional Matters**

- 1. Each Player shall be responsible for any Corruption Offense committed by any Covered Person if such Player either (i) had

knowledge of a Corruption Offense and failed to report such knowledge pursuant to the reporting obligations set forth in Section D.2. above or (ii) assisted the commission of a Corruption Offense. In such event, the AHO shall have the right to impose sanctions on the Player to the same extent as if the Player had committed the Corruption Offense.

2. For a Corruption Offense to be committed, it is sufficient that an offer or solicitation was made, regardless of whether any money, benefit or Consideration was actually paid or received.
3. Evidence of a Player's lack of efforts or poor performance during an Event may be offered to support allegations that a Covered Person committed a Corruption Offense, but the absence of such evidence shall not preclude a Covered Person from being sanctioned for a Corruption Offense.
4. A valid defense may be made to a charge of a Corruption Offense if the person alleged to have committed the Corruption Offense (a) promptly reports such conduct to the TIU and (b) demonstrates that such conduct was the result of an honest and reasonable belief that there was a significant threat to the life or safety of such person or any member of such person's family.

**F. Investigation and Procedure**

**1. Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer.**

- a. The TIB shall appoint one or more independent AHOs, who shall be responsible for (i) determining whether Corruption Offenses have been committed, and (ii) fixing the sanctions for any Corruption Offense found to have been committed.
- b. An AHO shall serve a term of two years, which may thereafter be renewed in the discretion of the TIB. If an AHO becomes unable to serve, a new AHO may be appointed for a full two-year term pursuant to this provision.

**2. Investigations.**

- a. The TIU shall have the right to conduct an initial interview and follow-up interviews, if necessary as determined solely by the TIU, with any Covered Person in furtherance of investigating the possibility of a commission of a Corruption Offense.

- i. The date and time of all interviews shall be determined by the TIU, giving reasonable allowances for Covered Persons' tournament and travel schedules.
  - ii. The Covered Person shall have the right to have counsel attend the interview(s).
  - iii. The interview shall be recorded. The recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter shall be retained by the TIU for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place.
  - iv. The Covered Person shall have the right to request an interpreter, and the cost shall be borne by the TIU.
  - v. Transcripts of the interview shall be provided to the Covered Person, upon request, within a reasonable period of time following the conclusion of the interview.
- b.** All Covered Persons must cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the TIU including giving evidence at hearings, if requested. No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offense.
- c.** If the TIU believes that a Covered Person may have committed a Corruption Offense, the TIU may make a Demand to any Covered Person to furnish to the TIU any information regarding the alleged Corruption Offense, including, without limitation, (i) records relating to the alleged Corruption Offense (including, without limitation, itemised telephone billing statements, text of SMS messages received and sent, banking statements, Internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and (ii) a written statement setting forth the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged Corruption Offense. The Covered Person shall furnish such information within seven business days of the making of such Demand, or within such other time as may be set by the TIU. Any information furnished to the TIU shall be (i) kept confidential except when it becomes necessary to disclose such information in furtherance of the prosecution of a Corruption Offense, or when such information is reported to administrative, professional, or judicial authorities pursuant to an investigation or prosecution of non sporting laws or regulations and (ii) used solely for the purposes of the investigation and prosecution of a Corruption Offense.

- d. By participating in any Event, or accepting accreditation at any Event, a Covered Person contractually agrees to waive and forfeit any rights, defenses, and privileges provided by any law in any jurisdiction to withhold information requested by the TIU or the AHO. If a Covered Person fails to produce such information, the AHO may rule a Player ineligible to compete, and deny a Covered Person credentials and access to Events, pending compliance with the Demand.
  - e. If a PTIO concludes that a Corruption Offense may have been committed, the PTIO shall refer the matter and send the evidence to the AHO, and the matter shall proceed to a Hearing before the AHO in accordance with Section G of this Program.
3. Each Covered Person shall be determined to be immediately contactable at the most current postal address provided to a Governing Body. Any Notice delivered hereunder to a Covered Person at such address, shall be deemed to have been received by the Covered Person on date of delivery to such address in the confirmation of delivery provided by the courier service company. At its discretion, as an alternative to or in conjunction with the courier delivery, any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used, including, but not limited to hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, provided that the burden of proving receipt via such alternative methods shall be on the sending party.

## **G. Due Process**

### **1. Commencement of Proceedings.**

- a. When the PTIO refers a matter to the AHO pursuant to Section F.2.e, the PTIO shall send a Notice to each Covered Person alleged to have committed a Corruption Offense, with a copy to the AHO, setting out the following:
  - i. the Corruption Offense(s) alleged to have been committed, including the specific Section(s) of this Program alleged to have been infringed;
  - ii. the facts upon which such allegations are based;
  - iii. the potential sanctions prescribed under this Program for such Corruption Offense(s); and
  - iv. the Covered Person's entitlement to have the matter determined by the AHO at a Hearing.

- b.** The Notice shall also specify that, if the Covered Person wishes to dispute the PTIO allegations, the Covered Person must submit a written request to the AHO for a Hearing so that it is received as soon as possible, but in any event within fourteen business days of the date of the receipt of Notice as defined in Article F.3.
- c.** A Covered Person shall direct any response to a Notice to the AHO with a copy to the PTIO and may respond in one of the following ways:

  - i.** To admit the Corruption Offense and accede to the imposition of sanctions, in which case no hearing shall be conducted and the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) alleged in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, which shall be determined by the AHO after requesting and giving due consideration to a written submission from the PTIO on the recommended sanction.
  - ii.** To deny the Corruption Offense and to have the AHO determine the charge, and if the charge is upheld, the sanctions, at a hearing conducted in accordance with Section G.2.
  - iii.** To admit that he or she has committed the Corruption Offense(s) specified in the Notice, but to dispute and/or seek to mitigate the sanctions specified in the Notice. Either a request for hearing or a written submission solely on the issue of the sanction must be submitted simultaneously with the Covered Person's response to the Notice. If a hearing is requested, it shall be conducted in accordance with Section G.2. If no hearing is requested, the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) specified in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, after giving due consideration to the Covered Person's written submission (if any) and any response submitted by the PTIO.
- d.** If the Covered Person fails to file a written request for a hearing by the deadline set out in Section G. 1. b, he or she shall be deemed:

  - i.** to have waived his or her entitlement to a hearing;



- ii. to have admitted that he or she has committed the Corruption Offense(s) specified in the Notice;
  - iii. to have acceded to the potential sanctions specified in the Notice; and,
  - iv. the AHO shall promptly issue a Decision confirming the commission of the Corruption Offense(s) alleged in the Notice and ordering the imposition of sanctions, (after requesting and giving due consideration to a written submission from the PTIO on the recommended sanction).
- e. When a matter has been referred to the AHO pursuant to Section F.2.e, the PTIO may make an application to the AHO for a provisional suspension of the Covered Person if the PTIO determines that: (i) there is a substantial likelihood that the Covered Person has committed a Corruption Offense punishable by permanent ineligibility; (ii) in the absence of a provisional suspension, the integrity of tennis would be seriously undermined; and (iii) the harm resulting from the absence of a provisional suspension outweighs the hardship of the provisional suspension on the Covered Person.
  - i. The Covered Person shall be notified that the PTIO has made an application for a provisional suspension and shall be given the opportunity to make submissions in response to the application. The AHO shall decide the appropriate procedure for determining the provisional suspension application, including whether the application should be determined on the papers or whether to convene a hearing. The Covered Person shall be afforded a fair process, including a reasonable opportunity to present his/her case and supporting evidence.
  - ii. The provisions of Section H.1.c regarding the effect of a sanction of a period of ineligibility shall apply to a Covered Person who is serving a provisional suspension. The provisional suspension shall take effect from the date on which the AHO's decision regarding the application for the provisional suspension is deemed to have been received by the Covered Person.

- iii. In the event that the Hearing is not commenced within sixty days from the date on which the Covered Person requested a Hearing, the Covered Person may apply to the AHO for the provisional suspension to be lifted. The provisions of Section G.1.e.(i) and (ii) shall apply to any such application by the Covered Person.
- f. If, for any reason, the AHO is or becomes unwilling or unable to hear the case, then the AHO may request that the TIB appoint a substitute or successor AHO for such matter in accordance with Section F. 1.
- g. In the event a Covered Person requests a hearing under Section G.1.c.ii or G.2.c.iii, thereafter, but no more than twenty business days after the date of the Notice or request for Hearing if received, the AHO shall convene a meeting or telephone conference with the PTIO and/or its legal representatives, the Covered Person to whom the Notice was sent and his or her legal representatives (if any), to take jurisdiction formally over the matter and to address any pre-Hearing issues. The non-attendance of the Covered Person or his or her representatives at the meeting, after proper notice of the meeting has been provided, shall not prevent the AHO from proceeding with the meeting in the absence of the Covered Person, whether or not any written submissions are made on behalf of the Covered Person. In the meeting the AHO shall:
  - i. determine the date(s) (no sooner than twenty business days after the meeting, unless the parties consent to a shorter period) upon which the Hearing shall be held. Subject to the foregoing sentence, the Hearing shall be commenced as soon as practicable after the Notice is sent, and ordinarily within ninety days of the date that the Covered Person requests a Hearing. If the AHO has imposed a provisional suspension, the Hearing shall ordinarily be held within sixty days of the date that the Covered Person requests a hearing.
  - ii. establish dates reasonably in advance of the date of the Hearing at which:
    - 1. the Covered Person shall submit a brief with argument on all issues that he or she wishes to raise at the Hearing;

2. the PTIO shall submit an answering brief, addressing the arguments of the Covered Person and setting out argument on the issues that the PTIO wishes to raise at the Hearing;
  3. the Covered Person may submit a reply brief, responding to the PTIO answer brief; and
  4. the Covered Person and the PTIO shall exchange witness lists (with each witness's address, telephone number and a summary of the subject areas of the witness's anticipated testimony) and copies of the exhibits that they intend to introduce at the Hearing; and
- iii. make such order as the AHO shall deem appropriate in relation to the production of relevant documents or other materials between the parties.
- h. The AHO may, at any time prior to issuing a Decision, request that an additional investigation be conducted into any matter reasonably related to the alleged Corruption Offense. If the AHO requests such an additional investigation, the TIU shall conduct the investigation in accordance with the AHO's directions and shall report the findings of that investigation to the AHO and the Covered Person implicated in the alleged Corruption Offense at least ten days prior to the Hearing. If the Covered Person wishes to object to, or raise any issues in connection with, such additional investigation, he or she may do so by written submission to the AHO.

## **2. Conduct of Hearings.**

- a. Hearings shall be conducted on a confidential basis. Unless the AHO orders otherwise for good cause shown by a party, each Hearing shall take place in either Miami, Florida, USA or London, England, as determined by the AHO.
- b. The Covered Person shall have the right (i) to be present and to be heard at the Hearing and (ii) to be represented at the Hearing, at his or her expense, by legal counsel. The Covered Person may choose not to appear at the Hearing, but rather to provide a written submission for consideration by the AHO, in which case the AHO shall take such submission into account in making his or her Decision. However, the non-attendance of the Covered Person or his or her representative at the Hearing, after proper notice of the Hearing has been provided, shall not prevent the AHO from proceeding with the Hearing in his or

her absence, whether or not any written submissions are made on his or her behalf.

- c. The procedures followed at the Hearing shall be at the discretion of the AHO, provided that the Hearing shall be conducted in a fair manner with a reasonable opportunity for each party to present evidence (including the right to call and to question witnesses), address the AHO and present his, her or its case.
- d. The PTIO shall make arrangements to have the Hearing recorded or transcribed at the PTIO expense. If requested by the Covered Person, the PTIO shall also arrange for an interpreter to attend the Hearing, at the PTIO expense.
- e. Witness testimony presented in person or by video conference is acceptable.
- f. The TIB as well as PTIO members shall be permitted to attend all hearings, in person or by audio or video conference.

### **3. Burdens and Standards of Proof.**

- a. The PTIO (which may be represented by legal counsel at the Hearing) shall have the burden of establishing that a Corruption Offense has been committed. The standard of proof shall be whether the PTIO has established the commission of the alleged Corruption Offense by a preponderance of the evidence.
- b. Where this Program places the burden of proof upon the Covered Person alleged to have committed a Corruption Offense to rebut a presumption or establish facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
- c. The AHO shall not be bound by any jurisdiction's judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence. Instead, facts relating to a Corruption Offense may be established by any reliable means, as determined in the sole discretion of the AHO.

### **4. Decisions.**

- a. Once the parties have made their submissions, the AHO shall determine whether a Corruption Offense has been committed. Where Section H of this Program specifies a range of possible sanctions for the Corruption Offense found to have been committed, the AHO shall also fix the sanction within that range, after considering any submissions on the subject that the parties may wish to make.

- b. The AHO shall issue a Decision in writing as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Hearing. Such Decision will be sent to the parties and shall set out and explain:
  - i. the AHO's findings as to what Corruption Offenses, if any, have been committed;
  - ii. the sanctions applicable, if any, as a result of such findings; and
  - iii. the rights of appeal applicable pursuant to Section I of this Program.
- c. The TIU shall pay all costs and expenses of the AHO and of staging the Hearing. The AHO shall not have the power to award costs or make any costs order against a Covered Person or the PTIO. Each party shall bear its own costs, legal, expert and otherwise.
- d. Subject only to the rights of appeal under Section I of this Program, the AHO's Decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties. If the AHO determines that a Corruption Offense has been committed, the TIB will publicly report the Decision.

#### **H. Sanctions**

- 1. The penalty for any Corruption Offense shall be determined by the AHO in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section G, and may include:
  - a. With respect to any Player, (i) a fine of up to \$250,000 plus an amount equal to the value of any winnings or other amounts received by such Covered Person in connection with any Corruption Offense, (ii) ineligibility for participation in any event organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body for a period of up to three years, and (iii) with respect to any violation of Section D.1, clauses (d)-(j) and Section D.2., ineligibility for participation in any event organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body for a maximum period of permanent ineligibility.
  - b. With respect to any Related Person or Tournament Support Person, (i) a fine of up to \$250,000 plus an amount equal to the value of any winnings or other amounts received by such Covered Person in connection with any Corruption Offense; (ii) suspension of credentials and access to any Event organised, sanctioned or recognised by any Governing Body for a period of not less than one year, and (iii) with respect to any violation

of clauses (c)-(i) of Section D.1., suspension of credentials and access to any Event organised, sanctioned or recognised by any Governing Body for a maximum period of permanent revocation of such credentials and access.

- c. No Player who has been declared ineligible may, during the period of ineligibility, participate in any capacity in any Event (other than authorised anti-gambling or anti-corruption education or rehabilitation programs) organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such Player shall not be given accreditation for, or otherwise granted access to, any competition or event to which access is controlled by any Governing Body, nor shall the Player be credited with any points for any competition played during the period of ineligibility.
2. The TIU may report information regarding an investigation to the TIB and the PTIOs at any time.
  3. The TIB may report Corruption Offenses that also violate non-sporting laws and regulations to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.
  4. If any Covered Person commits a Corruption Offense under this program during a period of ineligibility, it shall be treated as a separate Corruption Offense under this Program.
  5. Substantial Assistance. The AHO may reduce any period of ineligibility, either at the time of the original decision or subsequently (by reconvening), if the Covered Person has provided substantial assistance to the PTIO or the TIU that results in the discovery or establishing of a corruption offense by another Covered Person. Upon application by the Covered Person pursuant to this provision, the AHO shall establish an appropriate procedure for consideration of the application, including the opportunity for the Covered Person and the PTIO to make submissions regarding the application. The AHO has complete discretion in consideration of an application for reduction of a penalty under this provision.

#### **I. Appeals**

1. Any Decision (i) that a Corruption Offense has been committed, (ii) that no Corruption Offense has been committed, (iii) imposing sanctions for a Corruption Offense, or (iv) that the AHO lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged Corruption Offense or its sanctions, may be appealed exclusively to CAS in accordance with CAS's Code of Sports-Related Arbitration and the special provisions applicable to

the Appeal Arbitration Proceedings, by either the Covered Person who is the subject of the Decision being appealed, or the TIB.

2. Any Decision appealed to CAS shall remain in effect while under appeal unless CAS orders otherwise.
3. The deadline for filing an appeal with CAS shall be twenty business days from the date of receipt of the Decision by the appealing party.
4. The decision of CAS shall be final, non-reviewable, non-appealable and enforceable. No claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation concerning the dispute shall be brought in any other court or tribunal.

**J. Conditions of Reinstatement**

1. Once a Covered Person's period of ineligibility or suspension has expired and the Covered Person has paid all fines and/or prize money forfeitures, the Covered Person will become automatically eligible and no application by the Covered Person for reinstatement will be necessary.
2. All fines and/or prize money forfeitures imposed on players hereunder must be paid within thirty (30) days following the later of the receipt of an AHO decision or, if appealed to CAS, the receipt of the CAS decision. If not paid within the prescribed timeframe, the player shall be ineligible for participation in any event organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body until such time as the fine and/or prize money forfeitures have been paid in full. The AHO and the PTIO shall have the discretion to establish an instalment plan for payment of any fines and/or prize money forfeitures. For the avoidance of doubt, the schedule of payments pursuant to such plan may extend beyond any period of ineligibility; however, a default in payment under such plan shall automatically trigger a period of ineligibility until such default is cured.

**K. General**

1. No action may be commenced under this Program against any Covered Person for any Corruption Offense unless such action is commenced within either (i) eight years from the date that the Corruption Offense allegedly occurred or (ii) two years after the discovery of such alleged Corruption Offense, whichever is later.
2. Section headings within this Program are for the purpose of guidance only and do not form part of the Program itself. Nor do they inform or affect the language of the provisions to which they refer.

3. This Program shall be governed in all respects (including, but not limited to, matters concerning the arbitrability of disputes) by the laws of the State of Florida, without reference to conflict of laws principles.
4. In the event any provision of this Program is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. This Program shall not fail because any part of this Program is held invalid.
5. Except as otherwise stated herein, failure to exercise or enforce any right conferred by the Program shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such right nor operate so as to bar the exercise or enforcement thereof or of any other right on any other occasion.
6. This Program is applicable prospectively to Corruption Offenses occurring on or after the date that this Program becomes effective. Corruption Offenses occurring before the effective date of this Program are governed by the former rules of the Governing Bodies which were applicable on the date that such Corruption Offense occurred.
7. Except as otherwise agreed to by the parties, all filings, Decisions, Hearings and appeals shall be issued or conducted in English.



## **ARTICLE VI: PLAYER MAJOR OFFENCES**

### **A. AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR**

No player or Related Person at any ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is defined as follows:

1. One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting “Aggravated Behaviour”;
2. One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament, or is singularly egregious;
3. A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code within a twelve (12) month period which singularly do not constitute “Aggravated Behaviour”, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments.

In addition, any player or Related Person who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the tournament site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine of up to \$5,000 or the amount of prize money won at the tournament, whichever is greater, and a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments.

### **B. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No player or Related Person shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis. If a player is convicted of the violation of a criminal or civil law of any country, the player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and the ITF Executive Director may provisionally suspend such player from further participation in ITF Pro Circuit tournaments pending a final determination in Section C. In addition, if a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, the player may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Tennis and be in violation of this Section. Violation of this Section by a player, directly or indirectly through a Related Person or others, shall subject a player to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or to a

maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments.

Violation of this Section shall subject a Related Person to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to all ITF Pro Circuit Tournaments.

#### **C. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Major Offence and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the player involved; the player shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the player deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon the completion of his investigation the ITF Executive Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the player involved, and, in the latter case, shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision shall be promptly delivered to the player and to the Committee.

#### **D. PAYMENT OF FINES**

All fines levied by the ITF Executive Director for Player Major Offences shall be paid by the player to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof. If the fine is not paid in thirty (30) days the ITF Executive Director will instruct the next ITF Pro Circuit Tournament to withhold prize money due to the player until settlement is made.

#### **E. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

Any player or Related Person found to have committed a Player Major Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the player. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the player and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the player and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal.

If the appeal is decided against the player, then the Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the player, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members of the Committee with respect thereto, if the same is not at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII: MEDICAL CONTROL – ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

Any Player, Player Support Personnel or other Person who enters or participates in the ITF Pro Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with all of the provisions of the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2015.

The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2015 is set out in full on the ITF website ([www.itftennis.com/antidoping](http://www.itftennis.com/antidoping)) and in a separate rulebook that is published and distributed by the ITF to all National Associations. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme 2015 is also available upon application.

## **ARTICLE VIII: TOURNAMENT OFFENCES**

### **A. APPLICABILITY**

This Article shall apply to each ITF Pro Circuit Tournament.

### **B. GUARANTEES**

The owner(s), operator(s), sponsor(s) or agent(s) of an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall not offer, give or pay money or anything of value, nor shall such a tournament permit any other person or entity to offer, give or pay money or anything of value to a player, directly or indirectly, to influence or guarantee a player's appearance at a tournament other than prize money and permitted amateur expenses, unless authorised to do so by the Committee. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$5,000 plus the amount or value of any such payment, disqualification and loss of sanction, and/ or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF. In the event the ITF Executive Director believes that a tournament may be violating this Section, then upon demand the tournament must furnish or cause to be furnished to the ITF Executive Director or his agent access to and copies of all records to which it has access relating in any way to such alleged guarantee, or, in the absence of such records, an affidavit setting forth the facts in detail with respect to any transaction under question by the ITF Executive Director.

### **C. WILD CARDS**

No ITF Pro Circuit Tournament, directly or indirectly, shall offer, give, solicit, receive or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit, receive or accept anything of value in exchange for a Wild Card. Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF. In such a situation, the tournament will also receive a fine of up to \$5,000 and possible withdrawal of its sanction.

**D. CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME**

No ITF Pro Circuit Tournament, or any owner, promoter or operator thereof, shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport.

Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF.

**E. ITF PRO CIRCUIT RULES**

No ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall violate any provisions of these ITF Pro Circuit Rules. Violation of this Section shall subject the tournament to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid to the ITF.

**F. LATE CANCELLATION**

No ITF Pro Circuit Tournament shall cancel less than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.

Violation of this section shall subject the tournament to a fine of up to \$5,000, forfeiture of all sums, if any, previously paid or due to the ITF, reimbursement of unrecoverable expenses incurred and/or denial of subsequent Applications.

**G. DETERMINATION AND PENALTY**

The ITF Executive Director shall cause an investigation to be made of all facts concerning any alleged Tournament Offence by an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament and shall provide written notice of such investigation to the tournament involved. The tournament shall be given at least ten (10) days to provide to the ITF Executive Director, directly or through counsel, such evidence as the tournament deems to be relevant to the investigation. Upon completion of his investigation, the ITF Executive Director shall determine the innocence or guilt of the tournament involved, and in the latter case shall state in writing the facts as found by him, his conclusions and his decision fixing the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the decision of the ITF Executive Director shall be promptly delivered to the tournament and to the Committee.

**H. PAYMENT OF FINES**

All fines levied by the ITF Executive Director for Tournament Offences shall be paid by the tournament to the ITF within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

**I. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW**

Any ITF Pro Circuit Tournament found to have committed a Tournament Offence may, after paying all fines as above provided, petition the Committee for

discretionary review of the determination and penalty of the ITF Executive Director. The petition shall be in writing and must be filed with the ITF Executive Director within thirty (30) days after notice of the violation is mailed to the tournament. The ITF Executive Director shall thereafter promptly forward said petition to the Committee. Said petition shall state in detail the basis for such appeal. Within thirty (30) days thereafter the Committee shall designate a time and place for the hearing of such appeal and shall so notify the tournament and the ITF Executive Director. At such hearing the tournament and the ITF Executive Director shall present to the Committee the relevant evidence on the matter. The Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the ITF Executive Director on appeal. If the appeal is decided against the tournament, then the Committee shall tax the reasonable costs of the appeal against the tournament, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the reasonable travel and living expenses incurred by all witnesses and members.

#### **ARTICLE IX: WELFARE POLICY**

Any player that enters and/or participates in either the ITF Men's Circuit or the ITF Women's Circuit, and any Player Support Team Member of any player that enters and/or participates in either the ITF Men's Circuit or the ITF Women's Circuit shall be bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the Welfare Policy set out in Appendix A.

#### **ARTICLE X: RECIPROCITY**

The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to affirm, modify or reject with respect to any or all ITF Pro Circuit tournaments, a suspension or other sanction issued against a Covered Person (as defined in Appendix A - ITF Welfare Policy) either by or on behalf of the ITF pursuant to a conduct or disciplinary process under any ITF code or policy or by any other tennis organisation including the Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals.

The ITF Executive Director reserves the right in its absolute discretion to share information concerning any complaint against a Covered Person with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any other tennis organisation or any other relevant authorities. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by any other tennis organisations and/or any relevant authorities. A Covered Person may petition the Committee for discretionary review of the determination of the ITF Executive Director.

#### **ARTICLE XI: INTERPRETATIONS**

Any person or entity subject to this Code may file with the ITF Executive Director a request for an interpretation or clarification of the Code and/or its applicability and effect on a particular event or transaction.

#### **ARTICLE XII: NOTICE**

All written communications to the ITF Executive Director should be addressed as follows, unless notice of change is subsequently published:

ITF Executive Director of Professional Tennis  
International Tennis Federation  
Bank Lane  
Roehampton  
London SW15 5XZ  
England  
Tel: (44) 20 8878 6464 Fax: (44) 20 8392 4777

##### **A. PLAYER**

Notice that a player is being investigated pursuant to a possible Major Offence charge shall be served personally upon him. Service of any other document required by the Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the subject player at his home address or other address designated by the player, along with a copy to any player association of which he is a member provided that the ITF Executive Director of Professional Tournaments has notice of such membership.

##### **B. TOURNAMENT**

Service of any document on an ITF Pro Circuit Tournament as required by this Code shall be deemed complete if mailed to the ITF Pro Circuit Tournament Director along with a copy to the Tournament Administrator.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS**

This ITF Pro Circuit Code of Conduct may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the ITF.



## APPENDIX A

### WELFARE POLICY

Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate of any player (together "Player Support Team Member"), any player and any tournament personnel, such as an official, tournament director, staff, volunteer, sponsor, health care provider, ITF staff member and members of the media (together "Credentialed Person") shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner at all times and in accordance with this ITF Welfare Policy. In this ITF Welfare Policy Player Support Team Members, players and Credentialed Persons shall be defined as "Covered Persons".

#### a. Elements of the Welfare Policy.

- i. Application  
Covered Persons shall be familiar with, and must abide by, this ITF Welfare Policy.
- ii. Unfair and/or Discriminatory Conduct
  - a) Covered Persons shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct including any attempt to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation or competition of any player.
  - b) Covered Persons shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.
- iii. Abuse of Authority; Abusive Conduct
  - a) Covered Persons shall not abuse his or her position of authority or control, and shall not attempt to or compromise the psychological, physical or emotional wellbeing of any player.
  - b) Covered Persons shall not engage in abusive conduct, either physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed toward any Covered Person, parent, spectator or member of the press/media.
  - c) Covered Persons shall not exploit any player relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of the player.
- iv. Sexual Conduct  
In order to prevent sexual abuse and the negative consequences resulting from the imbalance of a dual relationship, sexual conduct of any kind between any player and his/her Player Support Team Members and/or Credentialed Persons is discouraged.

In addition, the following conduct is specifically prohibited:

- a) Covered Persons shall not make sexual advances towards, or have any sexual contact with, any player who is (i) under the age of 17, or (ii) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the conduct takes place or where the player resides.
- b) Covered Persons shall not sexually abuse a player of any age. Sexual abuse is defined as the forcing of sexual activity by one person on another person (i) of diminished mental capacity; or (ii) by the use of physical force, threats, coercion, intimidation or undue influence.
- c) Covered Persons shall not engage in sexual harassment - for example, by making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favours or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.
- d) Player Support Team Members and Credentialed Persons shall not share a hotel room with a player who is (1) under the age of 17, or (2) under the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction where the hotel is located or where the player resides, unless such Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person is the player's parent or is related to the player and authorised in writing by the player's parent. Penalties will apply to any underage player who is found to have violated this Hotel Room Policy. These penalties can include: forfeiture of points from the tournament(s) where the violation occurred and/or monetary fines equal to the amount of the hotel room rates and/or forfeiture of hotel per diem rates as applicable, for the tournament(s) where the violation occurred. Such penalty shall be in addition to any penalties that may be imposed on the Player Support Team Member or Credentialed Person pursuant to sub-Section b) below.

v. Criminal Conduct

Covered Persons shall comply with all relevant criminal laws. For greater certainty and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment involving (a) an offence involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (b) an offence involving sexual misconduct, harassment or abuse, or (c) an offence involving child abuse. Further, this obligation may be violated if a Covered Person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to an offence that is a violation of any law specifically designed to protect minors.

vi. Anti-Doping Activity

Covered Persons shall not commit any offence under the terms of the ITF's Anti-Doping Programme or aid, abet, counsel or procure in any way any person's offence under that Programme.



vii. **Conduct in General**

Covered Persons shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner that will reflect unfavourably on the ITF, any tournament, event or circuit owned or sanctioned by the ITF (the “ITF Tournaments”), any player, official or the game of tennis.

**b. Violations/Procedures**

- i. Any individual who believes that any Covered Person has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Welfare Policy may file a written complaint with the ITF Executive Director responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates. That complaint shall identify the complainant and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the ITF Executive Director shall promptly initiate a review of the matter. Such review shall be carried out by the relevant Manager or Head of Department with responsibility for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates (“ITF Manager/Head”). Upon request by the ITF Manager/Head, the ITF Executive Director shall have authority to issue a provisional suspension of the accused individual, pending the completion of the investigation and issuance of a final decision on the matter.
- ii. Upon review of the complaint and, where appropriate, additional investigation, the ITF Manager/Head may determine that the complaint does not merit further action. If the ITF Manager/Head determines that the complaint does merit further action, after notifying the accused individual of the charge(s) and giving the accused individual the opportunity to present his or her views to the ITF Executive Director or his/her designee, either in person or in writing, at the ITF Executive Director’s discretion, the ITF Executive Director may impose appropriate sanctions including (a) denial of privileges or exclusion of the person in question from any or all ITF Tournaments, or (b) such other sanctions including monetary sanctions as the ITF Executive Director may deem appropriate.
- iii. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to extend to any or all ITF Tournaments a suspension or other disciplinary action taken against a Covered Person by a National or Regional Association or other tennis organisation such as the Women’s Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals or a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above. The ITF Executive Director reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint with and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any tennis organisation as specified above. The ITF Executive Director may also refer the complaint and/or any information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate. The ITF shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of

investigations being conducted by other tennis organisations as specified above and/or relevant authorities.

- iv. Decisions of the ITF Executive Director may be appealed to the Committee responsible for the ITF Tournament in which the complainant participates, unless such decision involves the imposition of a suspension greater than one (1) year or a fine in excess of US\$5,000, in which case the appeal of such ITF Executive Director decision shall be made to the Board of Directors of the ITF. In either circumstance, any appeal under this section must be filed with the appropriate body in writing within one month from the date of the notice of the ITF Executive Director's decision which is the subject of the appeal. The notice of appeal must include a statement of the reasons and arguments why the decision was incorrect and include supporting evidence and make any application for a stay of execution. In either circumstance, the appellate body shall decide whether to review the appeal based solely on the ITF Executive Director's investigation or whether to hold a full hearing in which the Covered Person will be given the opportunity to present his/her case directly to the appellate body, in which case the appellate body shall issue directions for the efficient conduct of the appeal. The decision of the ITF Committee or ITF Board of Directors shall be final and binding. Any decision of the ITF Executive Director decided on the basis of a conviction or plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge or indictment as set out in Section a) v. above shall be final and binding.
- v. Any decision of the Executive Director and/or the ITF Committee and/or the ITF Board of Directors pursuant to this Welfare Policy may be communicated to those Member National Associations, other tennis organisations and ITF Tournament organisers deemed necessary by the ITF Executive Director and/or the ITF Committee and/or the ITF Board of Directors.

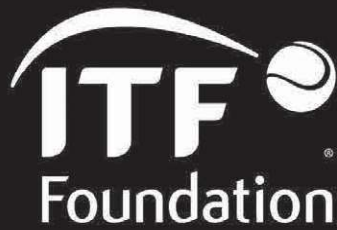


## FINES GUIDELINES AND OFFENCE CODES FOR ITF PRO CIRCUIT EVENTS 2015

ENTRY OFFENCES												
LATE WITHDRAWALS	To be reported by:		13-6 days (14:00hrs GMT) before Monday of Main Draw week		6 days (14:00hrs GMT) before Monday of Main Draw week to Freeze Deadline		Freeze Deadline to Qualifying Sign-in Deadline		After Qualifying Sign-in Deadline		DOUBLES - After Doubles Sign-in Deadline	
			ITF Office		ITF Office		ITF Office / Supervisor		Supervisor		Deadline	
	Main Draw		\$150		\$250		WM576		WM57QS		\$400	
	Qualifying event		WM5713		\$75		\$100		WQ576		WQ57QS	
			WQ5713		\$75		\$150		WM126		WM12QS	
	Main Draw		WM1213		\$50		\$75		WQ126		WQ12QS	
	Qualifying event		WQ1213									
NO SHOW / FAILURE TO SIGN-IN FINES												
Main Draw			No Show		To be reported by Supervisor		Fine amount		Offence code			
\$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 (Women's only)			Failure to sign-in				\$1,000		ZM57S			
Main Draw			No Show				\$200		ZQ57AS			
Qualifying event			Failure to sign-in				\$500		ZM12S			
PLAYING ANOTHER EVENT												
Main Draw			LW Main Draw - Playing Another Event		To be reported by ITF Office		Fine amount		Offence code			
Women's only			LW Qualifying - Playing Another Event				up to \$1,000		WMNA			
Men's only			Playing Another Event				up to \$1,000		WQNA			
							up to \$1,000		PAE			
PLAYER ON-SITE OFFENCES (GUIDELINES)												
Offence			Qualifying		Main Draw							
			Maximum: \$100	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250							
Punctuality			Guidelines		Offence code		Guidelines		Offence code			
Audible Obscenity * , Visible Obscenity *			\$25-100		Pun (10 or 15)		\$50-250		Pun (10 or 15)			
Verbal Abuse *			\$25-50		AOB, VOb		\$50-100		AOB, VOb			
Physical Abuse *			\$50		VA		\$75-150		VA			
Bail Abuse, Racket Abuse			\$100		PhA		\$250		PhA			
Coaching & Coaches *			\$25		BA, RA		\$50-75		BA, RA			
Unsportsmanlike Conduct *			\$50		CC		\$75-150		CC			
Dress & Equipment			\$50		UnC		\$75-150		UnC			
Best Efforts, Leaving the Court, Failure to Complete Match *			\$25-50		D&E		\$50-100		D&E			
Ceremonies, Media Conference			\$100		BE, LC, FCM		\$250		BE, LC, FC			
DEFAULTS												
Default - In addition to any fine(s) for the on-court offences			Qualifying		Main Draw		Main Draw					
			Maximum: \$100	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250	Maximum: \$250

# Please refer to the full Code of Conduct for comprehensive details of all penalties #

## APPENDIX B



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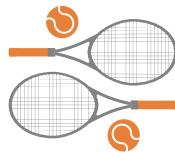
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